

*Message to Mary* (inv. 00343)

Author: Anonymous

Place: Flanders or Germany (?)

Period: 1491-1500

Material: Oil on panel (pine)

Measurements: 103,2 x 84,2 x 7 cm (including frame)  
88,5 x 70 cm (excluding frame)

Origin: Purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: Mary sits at a kneeling bench with a prayer book in her hand. Startled, she turns around and sees the Archangel Gabriel who has just entered the room. He makes a blessing gesture and holds in his left hand a scepter around which a banderole with the following text: 'Ave / Mary / pl(en)a'. Above the Virgin we see the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, accompanied by a naked Infant Christ holding his cross. The event takes place in a medieval room. In front is an earthenware pot containing mayflowers. A little further, a carnation lies on the stone floor.

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