

*Baptism scene* (inv. 00184)

Author: Anonymous

Place: Malines

Period: 1501-1600

Material: Alabaster, gilded, wood

Measurements: 11,8 x 15 x 2,2 cm (including board)

Origin: Purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: The scene, with an unadorned cartouche in front, is set in an interior and depicts a christening ceremony. The child is held above the basin with elaborate foot by a richly dressed woman (queen?). A page holds her train. Beside the lady is a man in armor (king?). A deacon with burning candle is between that man and the bishop administering baptism. In the background, fashionably dressed ladies witness the event. The alabaster is embellished with various gilded accents in both the architecture and the costumes. The alabaster is applied to a wooden support.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:

