

*Message to Mary* (inv. 00188)

Author: Anonymous

Place: Malines

Period: 1550-1600

Material: Alabaster, gilded, wood, stucco

Measurements: 22,7 x 20 x 2 cm (including frame)

Origin: Purchased by Jean van Caloen

Description: Mary kneels on a prayer bench and turns as the Archangel Gabriel flies into the room from the clouds. He blesses and holds in his left hand a scepter. Behind Mary a four-poster bed, beside her a vase with lilies. A seated dog is in the left corner. Various accents in both the textiles, architecture, oratory, wings, hair, etc. are gilded. The alabaster is encased in a wide oak frame with a stucco decoration with geometric pattern.

Exhibition:

Bibliography:

