In hoc eſt charitas: non quaſi nos dilexerimus Deum, ſed quoniam ipse dilexit nos, & miſit filium ſuu propitiationem pro peccatis noſtris.

FERDINANDO MEDICI S.R.E. CARDINALI
AMPLISSIMO.

Res gestas aui tui, atqꝫ parentis alij ſcriptione ſunt perſecuti: ego verò res eaſdem pictura, vt tulit mei ingenij imbecillitas, expreſsi. Fuit id totum pro merito tantorum virorum exiguum omnino; ſed tamen eo animo factum eſt, vt ſi quid in meo opere ab artificio laborat, ſedulitate tamen, et mira quadam in te pietate ſubleuetur. Has res Philippus Galleus meo nomine Antuerpiæ incidit; vir mirus profectò, atque eiuſmodi, cui nobiliſsimæ huius artis ſtudioſi magnum debeant beneficium. Sed quod mihi vitæ iam reliquum eſt, id totum ſtatui effingendis pijs cogitationibus traducere. Nunc verò res gestas Nri Saluatoris, Ieſu Christi, quæ paulò ante, quam in crucem tolleretur, factæ ſunt, qua facultate potui expreſsi, atque eaſdem curaui incidendas. Has igitur ſi tuo nomini dicarem, per gratum tibi me eſſe facturum iudicaui. Quod vt fiat, non meum ingenium, quod nullum eſt, ſed tuam animi regij propenſionem in hoc studium ad te præcipuè allegabo. Vale.

Joannes Stradius

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Non humiles potuere preces auertere Matrum
Æterni decreta Patris. Stat mente repoſtum

Concilianda ſui foret vt patris ira ſupremi,
Damnatum redimat quò fuſo ſanguine Mundum.

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Vltima bis ſenis præbens conuiuia CHRISTVS
Diſcipulis, inquit, porrectum ſumite panem,

Atque edite: hoc eſt namq; meum venerabile corpus:
Hic ſanguis, vaſti redimet qui crimina mundi.

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Diſcipulis Dominus, quæ tanta potentia amoris,
Cura lauat, ſeruitquē ſuis ſub imagine ſerua

Qũi cælũm terramq; regit, qũi ſÿdera nũtu
Torquet, et elatas compellit ad inſima menſtes.

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Primus homo perijt liuore Draconis in horto,
Et temere proprijs donis miſer excidit ipse.

Verus amore Deus, membris homo purus, in horto
Incipit hoc propria peccatum morte piare.

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Suſtinuitq; capi ſub amici fœdere falſi,
Sternere quem nutu potuit, vel perdere verbo.

Oſcula qui falſa dederat ſub imagine Pacis,
Proditor heu CHRISTVM *Iudas in vincula tradit.*

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Eſt animi exigui, atq; infirmi parua voluptas
Vltio, conueniens nec enim vindicta Tonanti

Vlla fuit, non liquit opem, famuloq; reuulſam
Reddidit enſe Petri cunctis ſpectantibus aurem.

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Vt mox Pontificem trahitur captiuus ad Annam,
Diſcipuli paſſim CHRISTO *fugere relicto*

Ille mandens viuo verbis prorumpit in iram,
Aulicus & miles cæleſtia percutit ora.

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Adrianus Collaert ſcalp. Joannes Stradanus inuen Phls Gall excud.

Hinc ſubito Herodi CHRISTVM transmittit Apellæ,
Regia palmiferæ qui tum Tetrarcha tenebat

Sceptra Galilææ, piscoſi ad ſtagna fluenti
Gennezaret, Regis præter ſpem factus amicus

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Insontem parua eſt effundere culpa cruorem,
Sed Gentile gradu limen contingere ſacro

Non licet ob feſtum, Deducitur ante tribunal
Præſidis, a longe Phariſea ſtante cohorte.

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Deinde inhonoratus deſpecta veſte iubetur
Iniuſtum CHRISTVS conſcendere, vt ante tribunal.

Præſidis at Coniunx, ludentis imagine ſomni
Pellecta, a Iuſti deſiſtere ſanguine iuſſit.

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Hunc prius exceptum Pilatus talibus infit,
Auſus es expreſsa Regem te voce fateri?

Sponte tua hoc dicis, alio aut tibi forte relatum
Reſpondit CHRISTVS. *miranda ſilentia ſeruans.*

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Iudice Pontificum necis eſt reus ipſe Senatu
Damnatus CHRISTVS, *quod ſeditione nephanda*

Verſatus, traxit miſerum in ſua iura popellum
Et Regem faſsus proprio damnauerit ore.

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Siſtitur ad Cayphæ CHRISTVS ſublime tribunal,
Dicere cui verum per numina ſacra coegit.

Ipſe reuerſurum cœli ſub nubibus inquit
Angelicos inter cœtus ſe, et numina Diuum.

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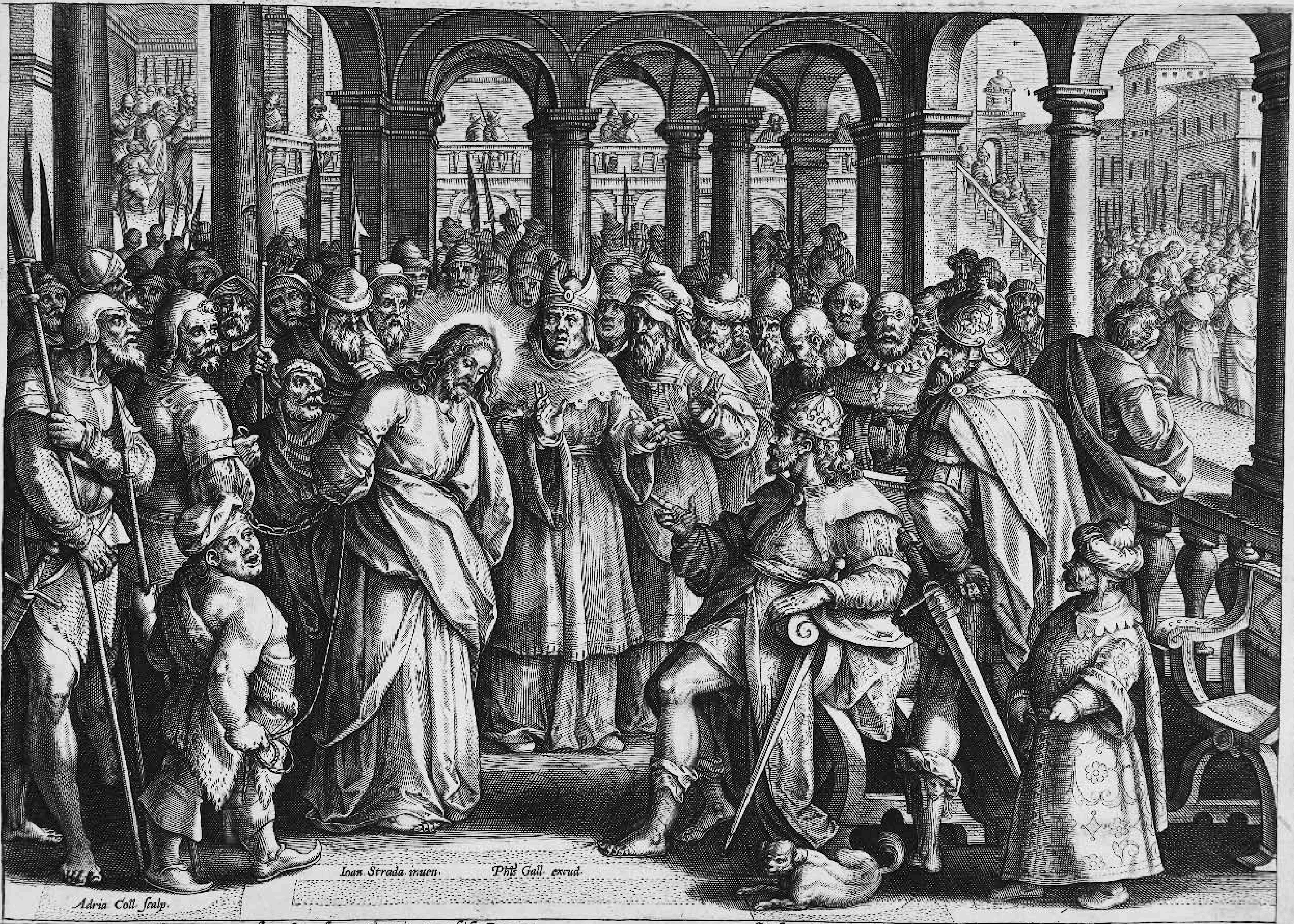

Non tamen hoc ſpeculum cõmouit amabile Regem,
Optantem e ſummo miracula cernere cælo.

Sed miranda Deus cum Rege ſilentia ſeruans,
Purpurea induitur per ſummia opprobria veſte.

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Traditur hinc CHRISTVS lictoribus atqꝫ miniſtris,
Dilanianda lupis velut agna rapacibus, O he

Lumina ſpurcantur, ſacies ſacra verbere liuet,
Inqꝫ Pium volitant mendacia plurima CHRISTVM.

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Terga tamen grauibus flagris, et verbere cædi
Innumero diuina iubet (proh crimina) Iudex.

Ipse verecundo tulit hæc opprobria vultu
CHRISTVS, *vt æterno placabilis hoſtia Patri.*

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Huic diadema datur criſpata cuſpide rhamus,
Eliciturqꝫ ruber pungenti ſanguis acantho.

Ponitur in dextra ſceptri vice grandis arundo,
Et CHRISTVM Regem, falſo precis ore ſalutant.

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Horruit at Iudex, et crimen fluminis vnda
Abluit, atque necis decretum flebile profert.

Damnatumque pium ligno ſuſpendit amaro,
Suppliciumq; crucis Iuſtum ſufferre coegit.

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Ducitur ecce foras Tyrio circundatus oſtro
CHRISTVS habens ſeptos infeſta cuſpide crines:

Atq; hunc ut populo monſtrat Pilatus, ô inquit
En Solymi ciues hominis miſereſcite veſtri.

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Gens Iudæa nihil factis commota nephandi
Iudicis, in lignum ſuſpendi corpus IESV

Poſtulat: ille tacens illatas pertulit iras.
Secretis ſeruans arcana ſilentia rebus

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Hæc vbi patrantur proprÿs ex ædibus exit
Ad populum Iudex, quo pacto ſoluat IESVM

Anxius, iſque foras laniato corpore prodit
Cœlorum, terræqꝫ ſator, Mundiqꝫ redemptor.

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Veſtibus induitur proprijs, et milite multo
Per medios Vrbis vicos ſtipatus, aperte

Ridetur; populo eſt paſsim iocus vnica proles
Numinis excelſi: Mundi ſator atqꝫ redemptor.

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Talia perpeſſus CHRISTVS ludibria, pergit
Cæſariem ſeptus diuinam vepre minaci

Ad loca ſupplicij, Iudæis Golgotha dicta,
Dum moles onerosa crucis pia membra fatigat.

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Sed ne deficeret gradiens ſub mole trabali,
Curauere cruci vt Simon ſupponeret armos
Cyrenus, dum mœſta cohors, dum turba gementium,
Matres atq; nurus CHRISTVM *comitantur euntem.*

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Poſt hæc ſupplicij ad mœſtæ loca venit arenæ,
Oſsa vbi truncorum ſparſim candere per herbas

Spectantur; felli miles cui pocula mixta
Præbuit, et tractu furioſo nudat IESVM.

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Poſt ſcelerum ſerui manibus tractare cruentis
Virgineos audent artus, conſortia pœnæ

Coguntur hinc inde duo perferre latrones:
Dum rigat omne ſolum CHRISTI ſacra vnda cruoris.

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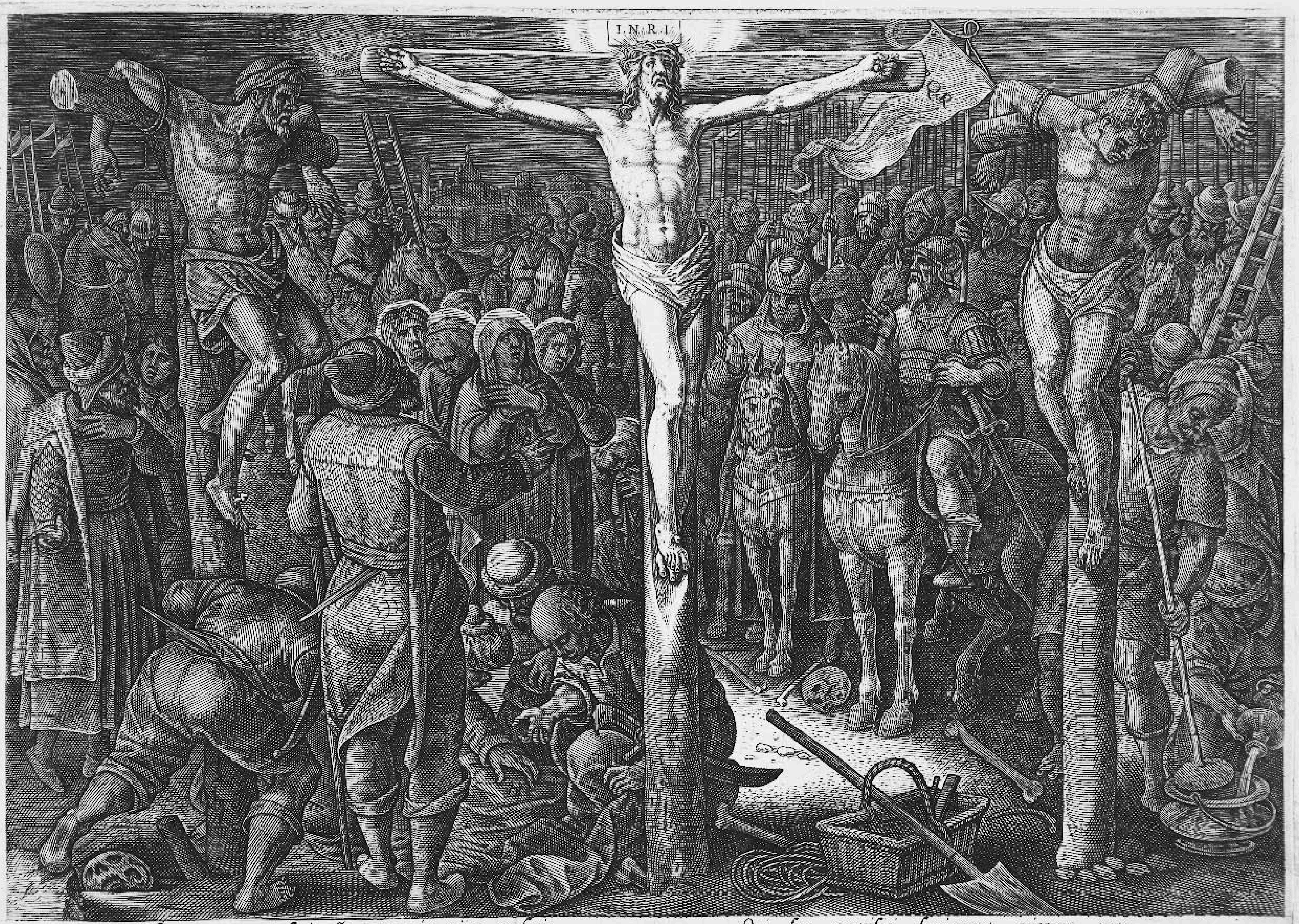

Hinc cruce confixis Seruator in aera palmis
A Patre flens veniam petijt pro ſontibus ipsis,

Qui ſua carnifici laniarant viscera voto
Contextam miles tunicam dum ſorte tenebat.

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En ſubito fugit ex oculis, furuisq; tenebris
Induitur, trepidumq; diem Sol nocte recondit.

Cum Deus æthereis animam commiſcuit auris,
Et miles ferro CHRISTI latus haurit acuto.

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Tendit ad excelsas Nicodemus Præſidis ædes
Qui Dominum ſectatus erat pendentis IESV

Vt corpus donare velit: cui protinus ipſe
Conceſsit, miti triſtis pro munere Iudex.

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Interea ſtimulante metu generatio fallax
Concepit ſub corde neſas, quod nocte ſilenti

Diſcipuli CHRISTVM *raperent, et abeſſe referrent,*
Vnde locum poſcunt vigili obſidione teneri.

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Hic ſubito quærens ſcalas, et congrua voto
Inſtrumenta ſuo, Caluarum venit ad oras.

Virgo parens dum meſta ſuum deplorat IESVM
In cruce pendentem per ſumma opprobria natum.

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Vt cruce deponunt venerabile corpus IESV-
CHRISTI, quem veterum cecinere oracula vatum.

Vnguento fragrante fouent, ſacrataq; paſſim
Humectant lachrymis rorantibus ora genaſq;

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Et lino pia membra tegunt, lachrymisq; rigantes,
Eripiunt læſo peracutos vertice ſentes.

Membra Dei matris fletu maduere tepenti,
Dum natum extenſis moribunda amplectitur vlnis.

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Hinc Dominum tollunt, rigido conduntq; ſepulchro
In ſcrobe ſaxoſa, grandem tumuliq; meatum

Occludunt ſilice ingenti, dum cætera turba
Inſequitur planctu, obſequium quo reddat IESV.

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Vſq3 recœdenti Veſper ſuccedere Soli
Cœperat, et terras Nox intempeſta tenere:

Qui fuerant Dominum, paſſum tanta, vſq3 ſequuti,
Quiſq3 ſuos tandem flendo rediere penates.

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Ipſe ſed vt CHRISTVS Phlegethontis regna ſubiuit,
Cardinibus ſonitu poſtes crepuere ſolutis

Gaudenteſq; animas ſanctas maneſq; piorum
Reſtituit ſummo Vitæ reparator Olympo

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Tertius vt cælo poſt triſtia ſabbata cæpit
Irradiare dies, redijt rediuiuus in oras

Proſtrata VICTOR ſolenni morte triumpho:
Immeritaq; Patrem placauit Victima cæde.

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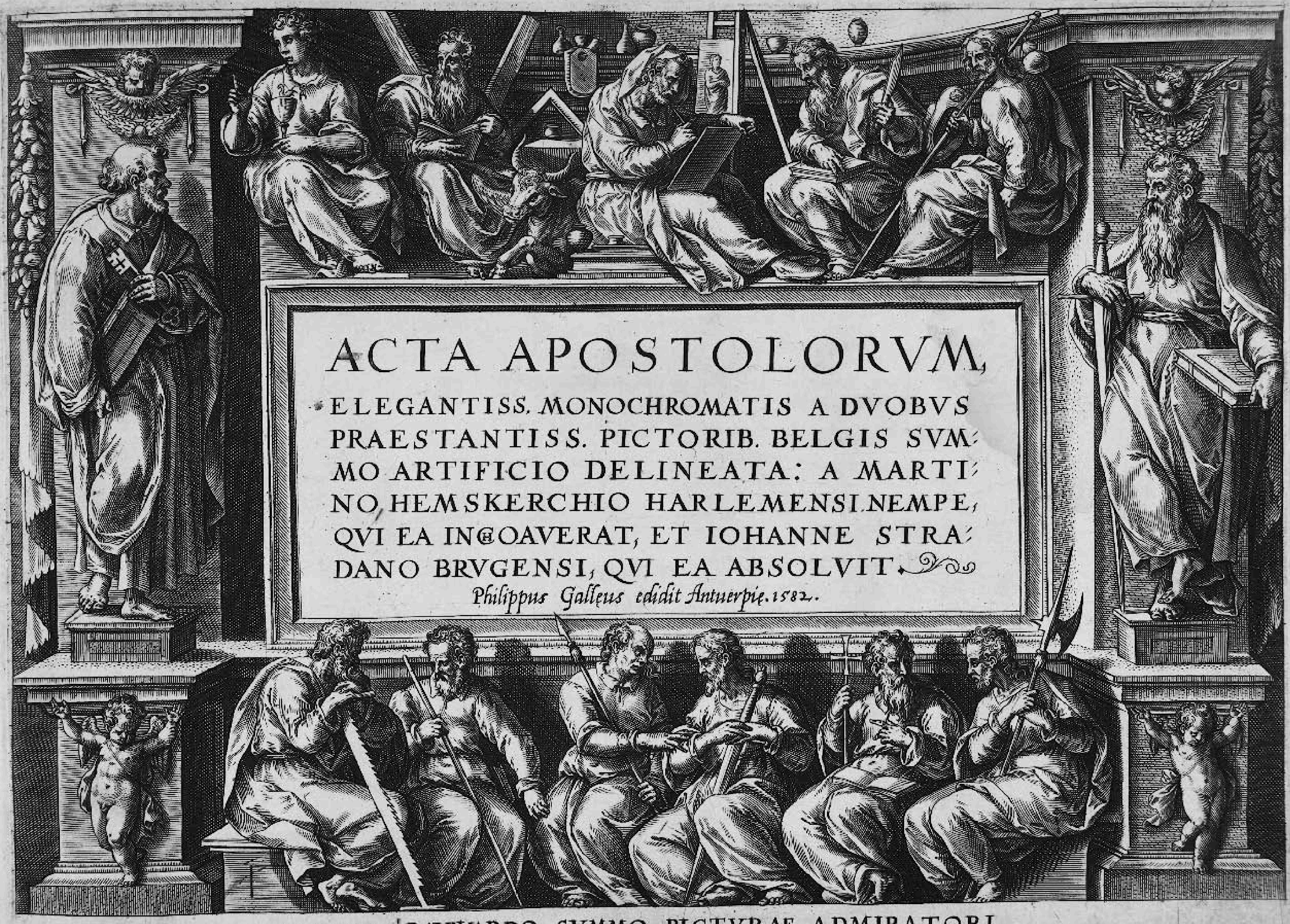

D. IACOBO RAVWARDO SVMMO PICTVRAE ADMIRATORI
AMICO SVO PHILIPPVS GALLAEVS. D.D.

Iohannes Stradan' inuentor.

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Iam Dominus celos adscenderat alma precantes
Numina, conſtituunt Ioseph cognomine iuſtum.
Matthiamq; chorum duodenũ vt suppleat alter
Illorum numerum, et petijt sors alma Mathiam. Ac. Cap. 1.

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Iohan. Stradanus inuen.
Philip. Galle excu.

Spiritus æthereа descendens Sanctus ab aula
Irradiat fulgore locum, verbiq; sacratô

Imbuit ora calor, capiunt noua vaſa liquorem
Æthereum, creſcitq; gregis pia forma nouelli. Acto. 2.

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En datur in flamma Jordanis ab amne columba
Solaq; fit doctrina fides quibus igne magiſtro
Eſt data materies: natiq; opulentia verbi
Prodijt, et veram portauit in ethera carnem. Ac. Cap. 2.

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Primus ad has Petrus populo mirante loquelas
Protulit vt sancta Christus de virgine natus

Malluit ipse mori et ligno suſpendier inſons,
Quam genus humanum tenebris damnetur Auerni. Ac. Cap. 2. B.

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Hic primum poſt iuſſa Dei Baptiſmatis vſus
Exoritur data iura probans, In nomine Patris
Spiritus, et Nati, dum sacro fonte cucurrit
Gratia, et immensę Domini bonitatis origo. Ac. Cap. 2.

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Claudus erat miserę natus genitricis ab aluo,
Octo luſtra gerens perfracto in corpore morbum,
Quem Petrus blanda ut compellat voce, salutem
Et priscum membris dat summo numine, robur. Ac. Cap. 3.

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Occidit infelix Ananias crimine falſo,
Supplicioq; pari percuſſa eſt impia coniunx.

Nam proprium retinere magis quā demere fas eſt:
Non celeſte poteſt aut falli, aut fallere numen.

Ac. Cap. 5.

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Detentos morbis egros per compita paßim
In lectis portant, sua quà veſtigia Petrus

Parte locat, ſanos reddebat corporis vmbra
Fuſa Petri cunctos vitijs noxisq; reſoluit.

Ac. Cap.

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Obrutus inſanis saxis celeſtia Martijr
Premia fert primus, primamq; in agone coronam

Carceribus Christi clauduntur sacra profeſsi,
Et Stephani corpus luctu imposuere sepulchro. *Acto. 8*

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Spiritus ętherea descendit ab axe Philippo
Et Petro imponente manus, Sammaria verbum
Accepit fides, cuncti baptiſmatis vndis
Abluti, accipiunt sancto cum flamine verbum. Ac. Cap. 8.

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Paulus acerba fremens miſeris [fera] bella ciere
Judaica feritate parat, ſed corpore lapſus

Poſtmaiora videt legiſq; exitus ab vmbra
Sub qua cęcus erat, regiones lucet in omnes.

Ac. Cap. 9.

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16 Et fidei documenta ſacrę dum prędicat, omnem
Conuertit populum, cui gens Iudea proterue
Inſidias parat et naſcenti obſiſtere tentat
Eccleſię At Paulus demiſſus funibus exit. Ac. Cap. 9.

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17 Peruigil et Petrus Liddę peragrauerat arua
Reſpicit Æneam luxatis viuere membris,

Surge ait in Chriſti Paralytice nomine moxq;
Surgit et officium firmatus robore preſtat.

Ac. Cap. 9.

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Petrus vt ingreditur Joppen vi numinis alti
Reſtituit vitæ (populo ſpectante) Tabitham

Joaudanitq; Deum, quod per miracula ſancta
Dignatur fidei firmare exordia noſtræ.

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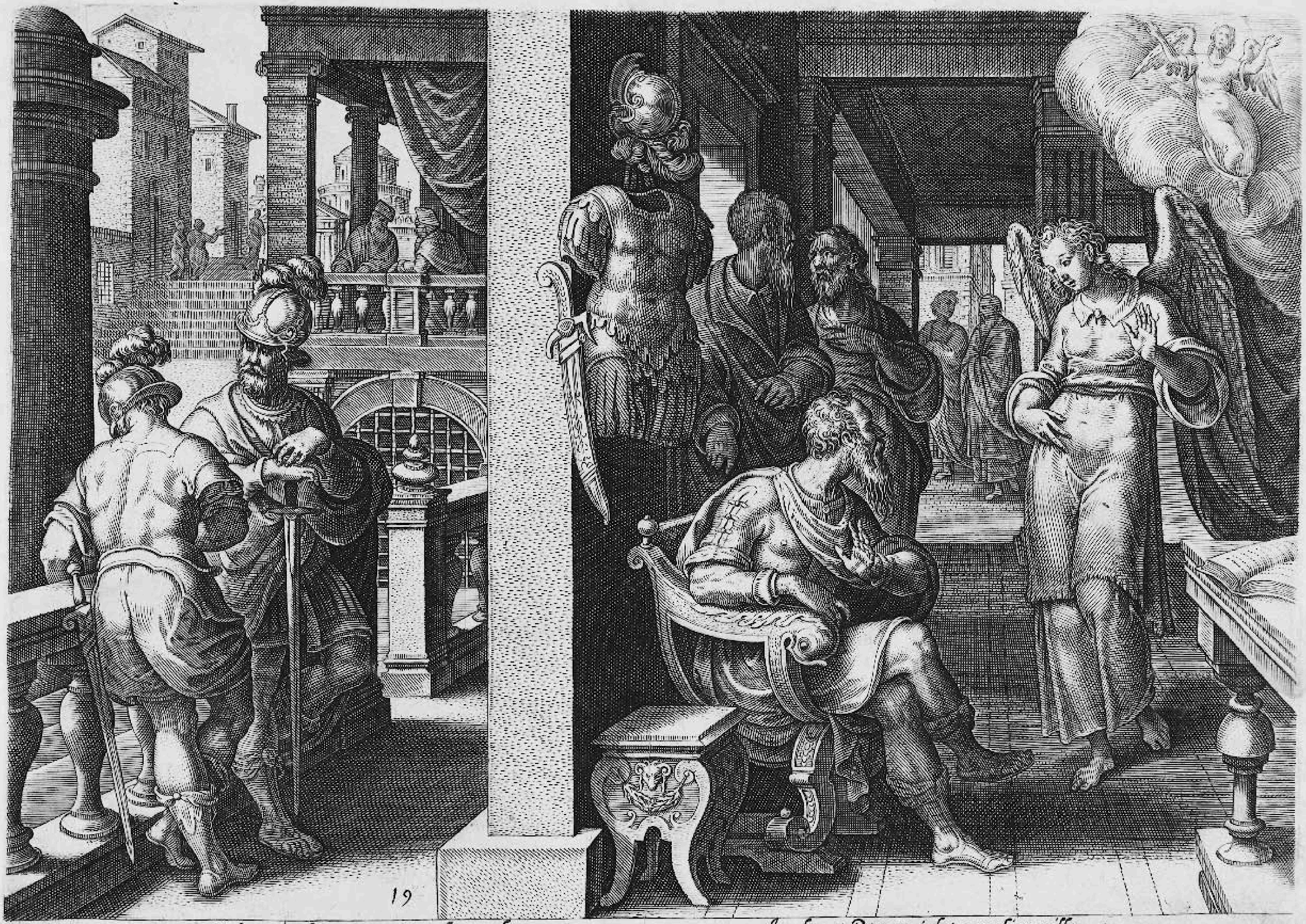

Jo. Strada. inue.
P. Galleus. excu.

Ceſarea prefectus erat Cornelius vrbe
Centurio Gentilis, adit quem miſsus ab aſtris

Angelus, et Petrum iubet accerſirier, ille
Ordine qui referat ſacra myſteria Chriſti

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Jo. Strada. inue.
P. Galleus. excu.

Ardua dum Petrus Cenacula ſcandit, et ovans
Jam medio torrente die, conſpexit apertum
Et celum atq; genus volucrum, pecudūq; recluſum,
Ceſaream petiſt baptiſans fonte renatos.

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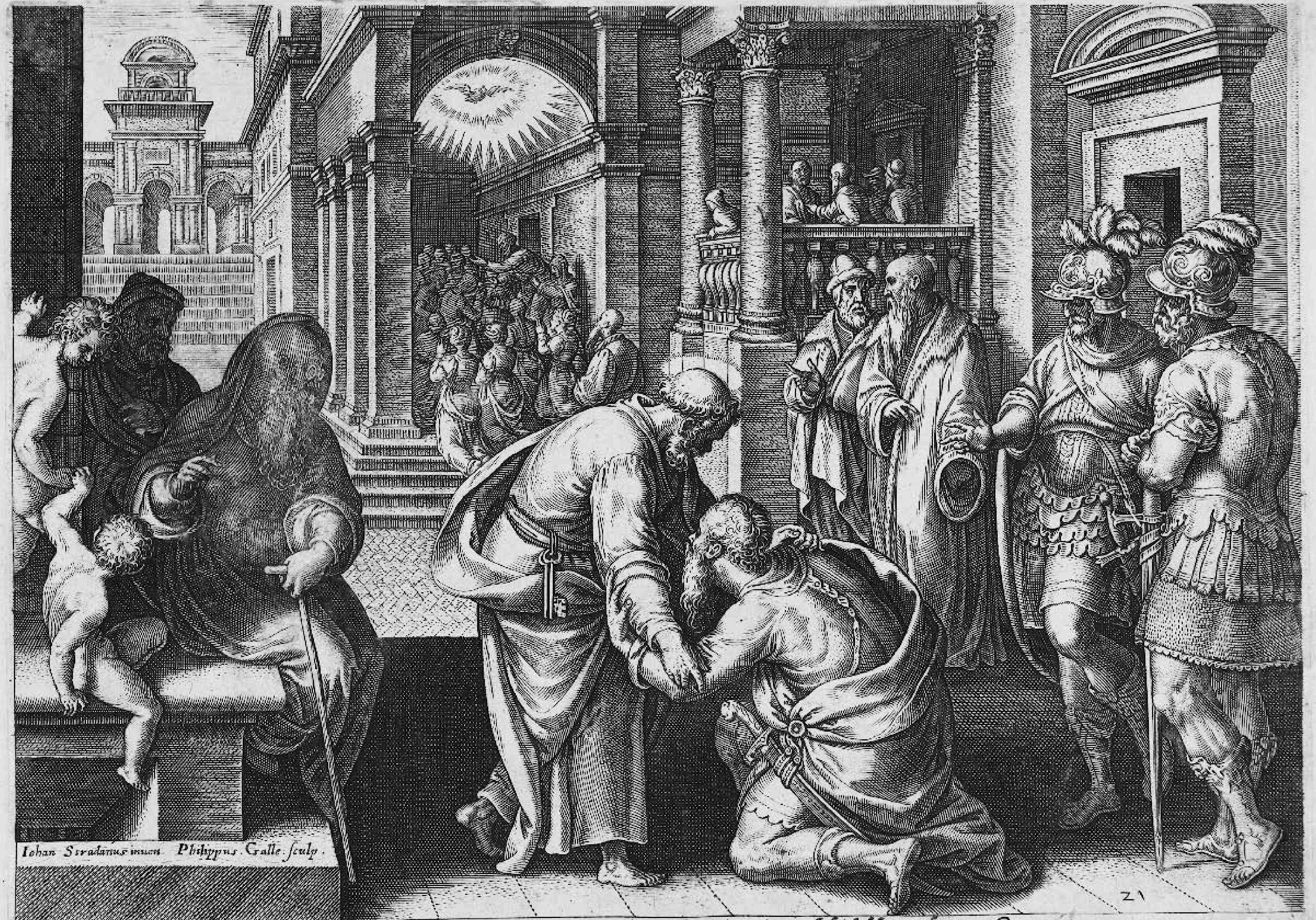

Ceſarea venerandus erat Cornelius vrbe,
Qui tota cum gente ſacro eſt baptiſmate tinctus,

Eum primum fidei ſublimia dogmata Petrus,
Et docuit cunctis celeſtia regna patere.

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Jo. Strada inue.
P. Galleus excu.

Enſe iubet tereti caput a ceruice Jacobo
Auferri Herodes, luget Eccleſia, dextras

Iniicit in Petrum, quem carcere claudit aheno
Quod populo gratum Iudeo noſceret eſſe.

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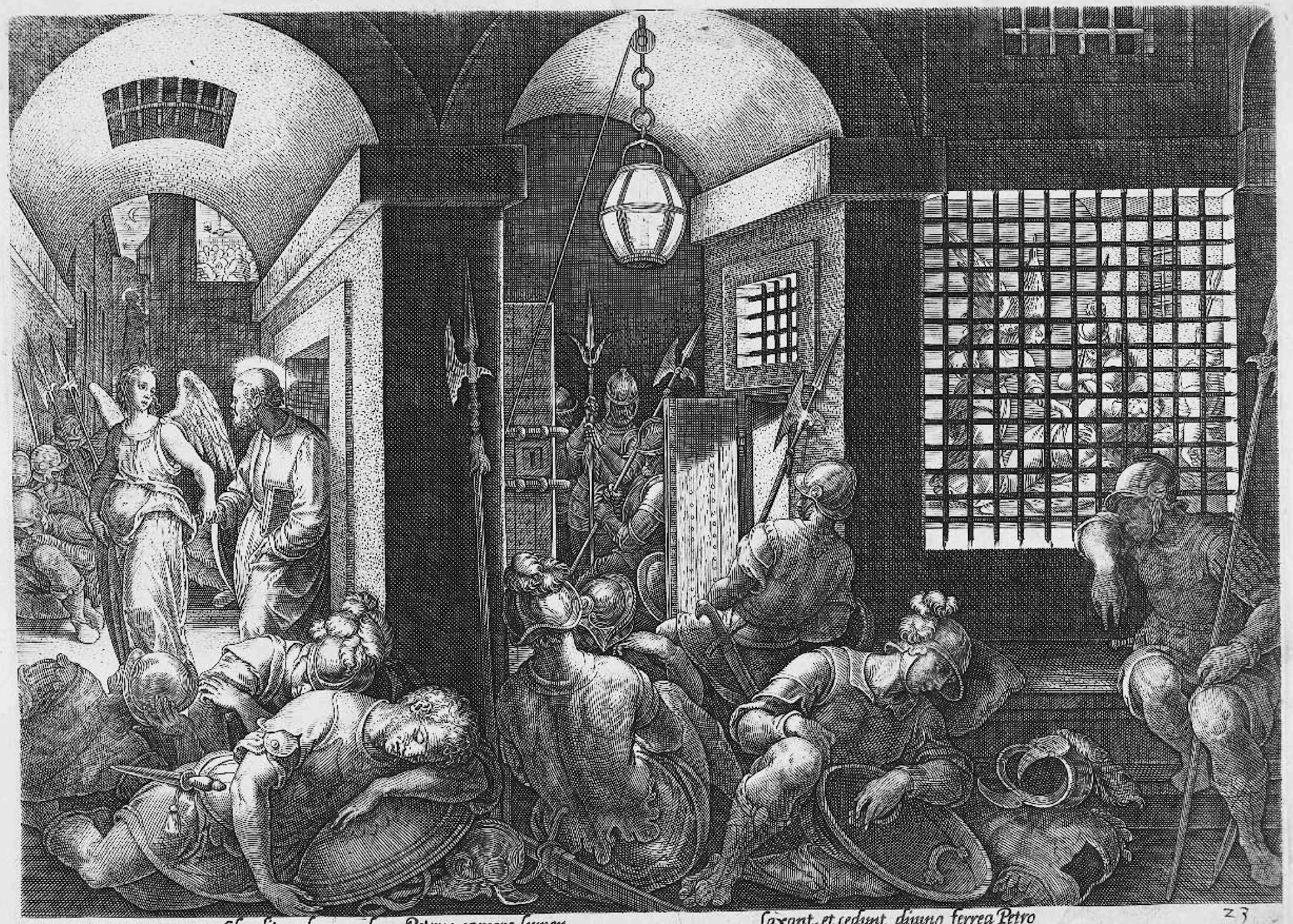

Io. Strada. inue.
P. Galleus. excu.

Clauditur obſcuro dum Petrus carcere, lumen
Angelus ex aſtris infert, ſua vincula poſtes

Laxant, et cedunt diuino ferrea Petro
Oſtia, ab occluſo celebrantur gaudia cętu. Acto. Cap. 12

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Io. Strada inue.
P. Galleus excu.

Ipse vage postquam peragrarat littora Cypri
Firmaratq; fidem Paulus Proconſulis, atro

D[illegible]ne perdoctus, Chriſti dum fallere dogma
[illegible]r, ambobus oculis priuatur ineptus.

Acto. Cap 13

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Io. Strada. inue.
P. Galleus excu.

Ipſe Lÿcaonios peragratus paſsibus agros
Lyſtram Paulus adit, ſpeculatus pectore claudum

Surge citus ait, qui rectis greſsibus inſtans,
Diuinos ſanus Paulo largitur honores. Acto. Cap. 14.

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Johan. Stradanus inven.
Philippus Galle excud.

In Macedum terris, ad menia nota Philippi,
Cum docet eterni Paulus miſteria Chriſti:

Sub stimulo Pithonis, ait, bachata puella,
Doctorem, veriq; Dei Paulum eſſe miniſtrum. Acto.16.

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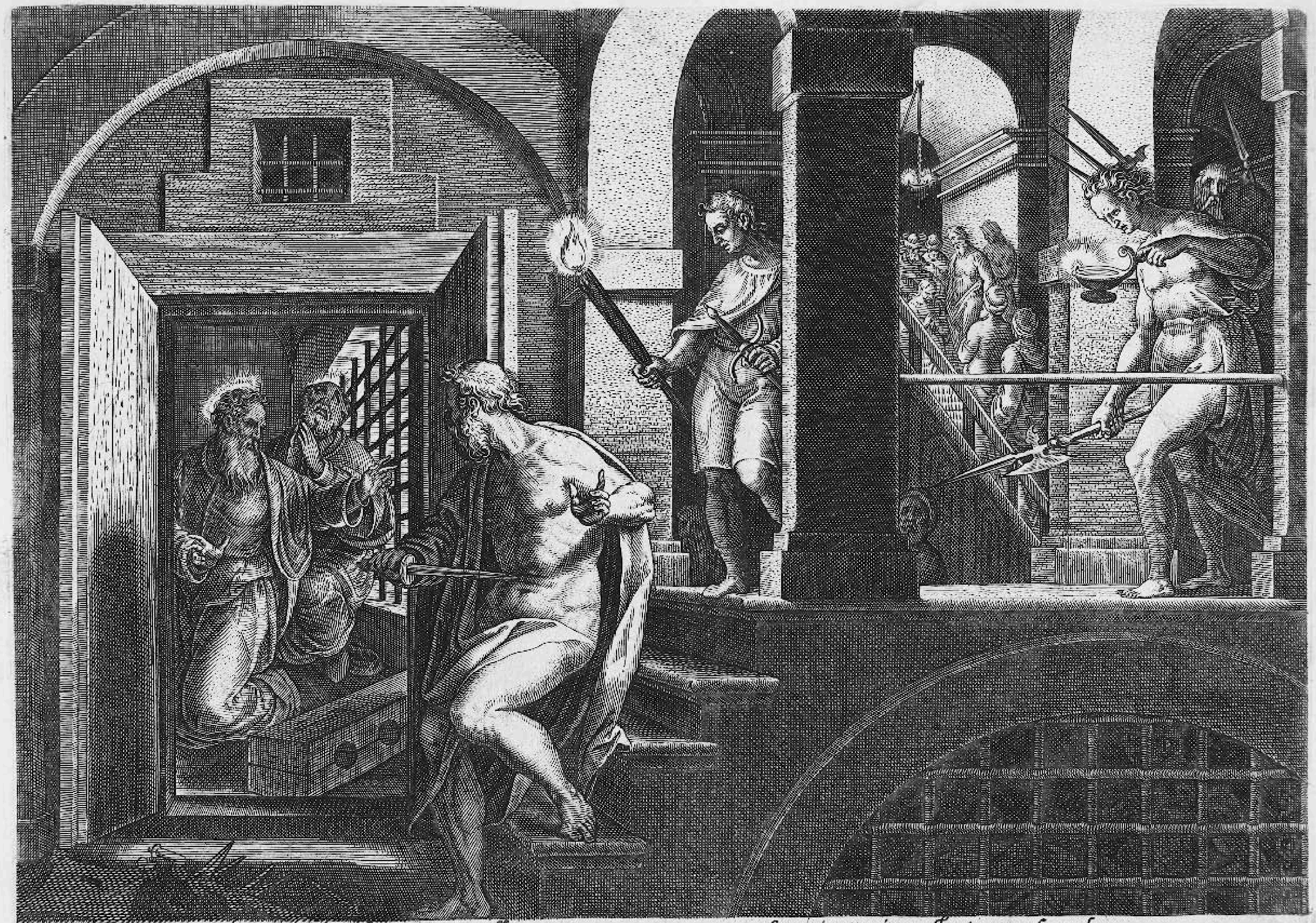

Jo. Strada. inue.
P. Galleus. excu.

Contremuit ſubito detentis carcere tellus
Et Paulo, et Sila, ſubitoq; fragore refracti

Carceris attonitus cuſtos parat enſe coruſco
Accelerare ſibi fatum, ſed fonte lauatur. Acto. 16. 29. 30.

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Ipsa graues tollunt Pauli ſudaria morbos,
Febrilesq; leuant Pauli semicincta calores.

Excorciſtarum conſlantur in igne libelli
Et Sathan in magicos ſeuit crudeliter omnes. Acto.19.

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Jo. Strada. inuē.
P. Galleus. excu.

Protrahit in mediam paulus dum dogmata noctem
Et vitę precepta docet ſermone diſerto:

Examinis iuuenis tabulis delapſus ab altis
A Paulo in vitam rurſus reuocitur euntem. Acto. Cap. 20.

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Nobile cum templum Salomonis Paulus adire
Ceperat et veteris solemnia reddere legis,

Corripit hunc Judea manus rabidoq; tumultu
Conclamat necis eſſe reum tum carcere claudi. Acto. 21.

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Jo. Strainum.
P. Galleus excu.

Ipſe Sacerdotum Princeps excoſus adalta
Dogmata diuini Pauli, Iubet ora loquentis

Conſtricto pugno cędi Tribunus at ipſe
Imperat vt Paulum deducant tramite tuto. Acto. Cap. 23.

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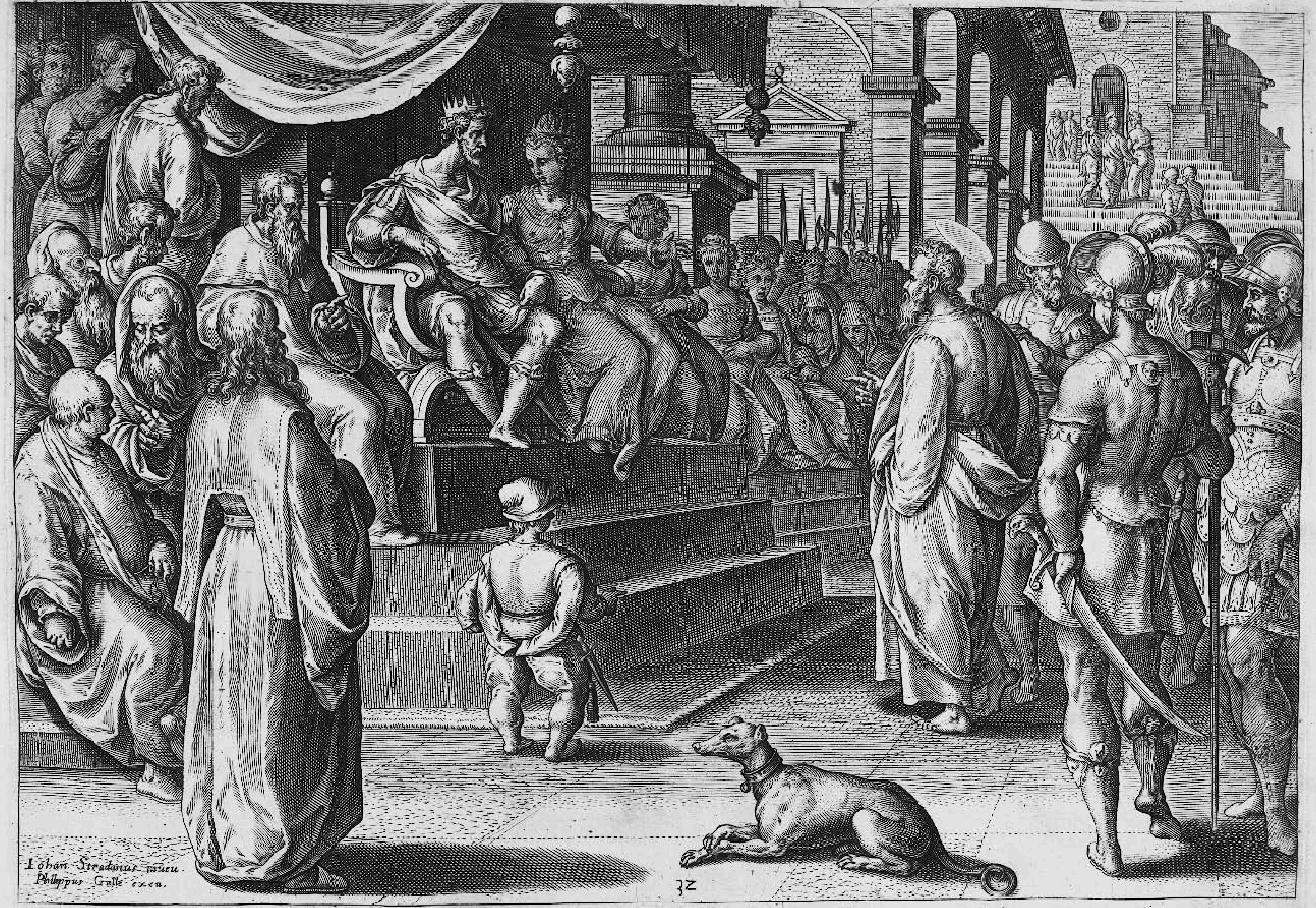

Facta repromiſſi Spes ſummo a Numine Paulum.
Crimine ſubiectum dedit, et Spes Ipſa Iudæos

Concitat in Paulum: innocuum dimittit Agrippa,
Ni ſtatui coram petiſſet Cæſare Paulus. *Acto. 52*

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Iohan Stradanus inuen.
Philippus Galle excu.

Pelleret vt Paulus creſcentia frigora membris
Contulerat ſarmenta focis, cui vipera dextram

Dente petit fruſtra, cuius de fomite creſcens
Eſt accenſa fides, fidei quoq; ſenſibus ardor. Acto 27.

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Iohan Stradanus inuen.
Philippus Galæ excu.

Gentibus electus Paulus, fundamina iactans
Omnia quę Fidei virtutibus acta ſeverant.

Venit ad Heſperię ſublimia culmina Romæ
Et Legis nouitate parat celeſtia cunctis. Acto. 28.

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Dira ferens Chriſtus ſub iudice flagra Pilato
Supplicij accepit calicem, mortemq; ſubiuit:

Vtq; feri dilueret virus mortale Draconis,
Omne ſuo patiens peccatum ſanguine delet.

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Aux. 4. vents M. de vos. inue.

Petrus Apoſtolici cętus Antiſtes, et vrbis
Romanę ſummus Preſul, dum nunciat orbem

Seruatum effuſo Soteris ſanguine Christi,
Martyrium ſubijt dirum, cruce fixus amara.

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Retibus Andreas atq; erata naue relicta,
Authorem vitę Chriſtum per cuncta ſecutus,

2.

Sacra ſalutiferi cum pandit dogmata Chriſti,
Brachia lęta Cruci extendit, et aſtra petiuit.

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Ipse redemptoris pandens oracula Chriſti,
Quam late sese tellus extendit Ibera,

3.

Tandem colla dedit gladio ferienda Jacobus,
Cuius corpus adhuc pia Compoſtella tuetur.

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Diuus Joannes ſpeculum pudoris honeſti,
Quem nec flamma olijm nocuit, nec plena veneno

4.

Pocula, cum fidei iecit fundamina ſancte,
Jn ſummo tandem ſenio migrauit ad aſtra.

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Thomas ad Eoos dimiſſus Apoſtolus Indos
Dogmatibus falſis ſublatis, nunciat orbem

5.

Sanguine verbigene Chriſti per ſigna redēptum.
Martirium tandem ferre perpeſſus et igne eſt.

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Primus hic Antiſtes Solijme Jacobus amate,
Fundamenta iacit fidei, et dum virgine natum

6.

Eſſe docet Chriſtum, et myſteria ſacra recludit,
Fuſtibus occiſus, vitam cum ſanguine fudit.

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Strennuus hic Chriſti viuens Athleta Philippus
Mittitur extremas Scÿthię glacialis ad oras,

7.

Nunciat atq Orbis dum gaudia ſacra redempti,
Supplicium tandem ſenio confectus adiuit.

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Bartholemeus amans Chriſti pia dogmata ſtemma
Contēmpſit patrium, et vere Pietatis amore

8.

Deſtruxit Idola, feri tormenta Tijranni
Senſit, in ablata toto de corpore pelle.

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Aurea Mattheus contempſit commoda mundi
Sic Chriſto mandante, Deum de virgine natum

9.

Predicat, et geneſim Chriſti dum euoluit, ad aras
Martijr odoratas fundit cum ſanguine vitam.

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Hic ſummo adſurgunt cęlo duo lumina, pacis
Semina qui iaciunt peregrinum lęta per orbem,

10.

Sed cum Idola ſacris expellunt impia templis
Occumbunt gladijs velut agni, et ſijdera scandũt.

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Paulus amore Dei certarat agone corone,
Dum vere Fidei pandit ſacra dogmata legis.

11.

Cui Nero Romanus caput a ceruice reuelli
Juſſerat atq; Idola coli pro numine vero.

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