

Diplomatic transcription of the beginning of the *Life of S. Cecilia*, from Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, MS 9, fol. 162r–162v, illustrating a few of the capabilities of the [Elstob](#) font for medievalists. For more information, see “ElstobManual.pdf.” This document was created with LibreOffice Writer.

INCIPIT PASSIO SCĒ CECILIÆ QUOD EST X¹ KL. DECB̄R.

5 **H**UMANAS LAUDES ET MORTALIUM
 infulas uidimus aut ére inciso
 conscriptas· aut auro radiantib:
 litteris· ad posteritatis memo
 10 riam cōmendatas· Et ista
 attendentes miror quare non erubescim&US;
 militum xpī uictorias silentio tégere & n̄
 ad laudem imperatoris eo&ru; qualīt pug
 nauerint contra hostes & uicerint· scetlu lis ²
 faltim uilibus tradere & ad incitandos
 15 animos bellato&ru; diligentius explicare·
 Multa bona taliū narrationū scripta con
 uertant; Laus dei est cum ista leguntur·
 memoria scō&ru; excolitur· aedificacio³ m̄tib:
 traditur. honor martiribus exhib&ur·
 20 Hinc infidelibus nascitur meror. incredulis ⁴
 liuor· indisciplinatis angustia· & scīs om̄ib:
 cum xpō gaudentib: solus diabolus inge
 miscit.⁵ qui uid& pugnā fuā eo usq; armis
 celestibus debellat· ut ex ipsa pugna ille
 25 melius uictor exister& qui putat&US; ÷ uict&US;;
 Deniq; putabat se tunc hostis scōs dei occi
 dendo uincere· illi autē melius occisi uin
 cebant· Introgati ilico confitebantur· dā
 natī grās referebant; Sic deniq; legimus
 30 antiquas dñi uictorias celebratas· q&_oa;ndo
 diū inimicus ≺sequens comp̄hendā· par
 titor spolia· replebo animā meā· Intficiā
 gladio meo· dominabit&rr; man&US; mea· Sed
 extendit dexterā fuā & deuorauit eos t̄ra·
 35 & poplū suum sanguinis sui pr&io liberauit;

1–2. apply smcp (Small Capitals) OpenType feature, or ss20 in MS Word.

3–32: apply sso8 (Sticky Long s) feature to change s to s, and cv13 (Character Variant 13, unavailable in MS Word) for dotless i. For long s subject to the rules of English or French typography, use sso3 or HIST.

1. scē: line over CE is U+0305, applied between the letters. DECB̄R: for a macron over any letter, type U+0304 *after* the letter. KL: ĩ (or ĩ) is U+A749.

4. Raised point (·) is U+00B7.

7. -us abbrev. is U+A770, entity &US;. There is also a non-spacing variant (e.g. m&_us;), U+1DD2 or entity &_us;.

9. eo&ru;; &ru; is U+A75D, entity &_ru;.

15. Punctus elevatus (·) is U+2E4E.

22. The est abbrev. (÷) is U+00F7, the division sign.

27. q&_oa;ndo: Open a suspension is U+1DD3, or entity &_oa;.

28. ≺sequens: per abbrev. is U+A751, or entity ≺.

29. tibo2: For r rotunda after round characters, ss11; for “Sticky” r rotunda (that is, everywhere), ss16.

30. -ur abbrev. is U+1DD1, or entity &_rr;.

32. liberauit: b̄ is U+0180.

1 x added above the line.

2 For *sedulis*.

3 Altered from (probably) *aedificatio*.

4 *incredul*, with cross of *l* erased and *is* added.

5 Altered from *ingemescit*.