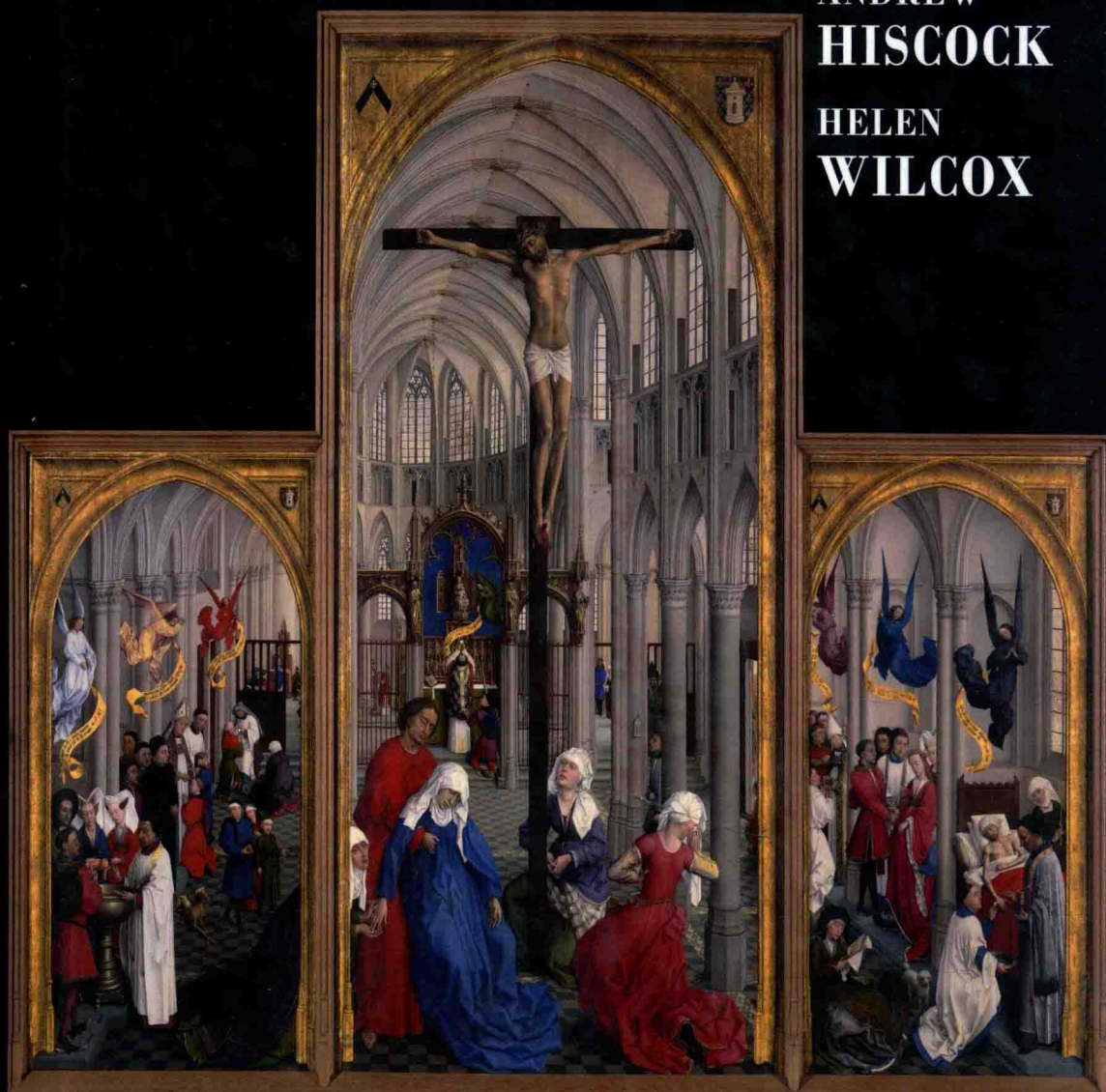


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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BCP	<i>The Book of Common Prayer: The Texts of 1549, 1559, and 1662</i> , edited by B. Cummings. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
BL	British Library
CJ	Commons Journals
CL	Congregational Library
CMRS	Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Arizona
CSP	Calendar of State Papers
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i> , edited by L. Stephen and S. Lee. 63 vols. London: Smith, Elder & Co. 1885–1901.
ed.	editor
edn	edition
ELH	<i>English Literary History</i>
ELR	<i>English Literary Renaissance</i>
HMSO	Her/His Majesty's Stationery Office
KJV	<i>The Bible: Authorized King James Version</i> , edited by R. Carroll and S. Prickett. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
LCSH	Library of Congress Subject Headings
LJ	<i>Lords Journals</i>
Lewis and Short	C. Lewis and C. Short, <i>A Latin Dictionary</i> . Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1969.
MRTS	Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies
MS	manuscript
n.d.	date unspecified
n.p.	no pagination
n. pl.	no place of publication given
n. pub.	no printer's or publisher's name given
n.s.	new series
NA	National Archives
NLS	National Library of Scotland

NLW	National Library of Wales
ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , edited by H. C. G. Matthew et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Online edition, 2004, 2008, and 2010.
PRO	Public Record Office (London)
repr.	reprinted
RETS	Renaissance English Text Society
SP	State Papers
STC	A. W. Pollard, G. R. Redgrave, W. A. Jackson, F. S. Ferguson, and Katharine F. Pantzer, <i>A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland, and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475-1640</i> . 2nd edn, rev. and enlarged, 3 vols. London: Bibliographical Society, 1976-91.
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
trans.	translator

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