PART I
CHAPTER TWO

CALLS FROM WITHOUT

In 1386, soon after he arrived at the University of Vienna, Henry of Langenstein composed a sermon addressed to the Augustinian canons of nearby Klosterneuburg.¹ The Babenberger foundation for both men and women was by then some two centuries old, and it embodied all of the traditions of custom, status and lordship outlined above.² The canons, who in their everyday speech called themselves “choir-lords” (Chorherren), enjoyed their daily provision as a “lord’s prebend,” with its regular servings of the “lord’s bread” and the “lord’s wine.” They also received supplements to their lordly provision in return for spiritual work. Throughout the fourteenth century, patrons who arranged for anniversary masses at Klosterneuburg graced the men and women there with extra servings of bread and wine and other gifts, with many of

¹ For Henry of Langenstein see BBKL II: 679–81 and VL II: 292 ff.; Michael Shank, Unless You Believe, You Shall Not Understand: Logic, University, and Society in Late Medieval Vienna (Princeton, 1988) and Paul Justin Lang, Die Christologie bei Heinrich von Langenstein (Freiburg i. Br., 1966). H. Heimpel dates the unedited sermon studied here to 1386, though with little explanation: H. Heimpel, Die Vener von Gmünd und Strassburg 1162–1447: Studien und Texte zur Geschichte einer Familie sowie des gelehrten Beamtenums in der Zeit der abendländischen Kirchenspaltung und der Konzilen von Pisa, Konstanz und Basel (Göttingen, 1982), 2: 934. The manuscript work for the current project has been unable either to confirm or refute that date, but it seems reasonable. I have drawn my readings from a manuscript from the Benedictine community of Mondsee, now MS Vienna, ÖNB Cod. 3700, fols. 173–85, collated against Munich, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Clm 7720, fols. 14r–29r and Klosterneuburg, Stiftsbibliothek, Cod. 384, fols. 180–87. For the Mondsee manuscript, see Tabulae codicum manu scriptorum praeter graecos et orientales in Bibliotheca Palatina Vindobonensi asservatorum (Vienna 1864–99). For dating see: Franz Unterkircher, Die datierten Handschriften der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek von 1451 bis 1500. 1–2 (Katalog der datierten Handschriften in lateinischer Schrift in Österreich) III/1, 90 and III/2, 362. For other manuscripts see the Appendix no. 4, as well as Thomas Hohmann, “Initienregister der Werke Heinrichs von Langenstein,” Traditio 32 (1976), 399–426; Kreuzer, Heinrich von Langenstein, 147–8, n. 660; and Lang, Christologie, 54–5 and n. 148.