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<fol. 16v>Chyrche yn the wurschyp of Sant steuyn y^t is callyd
 goddys holy martyr y^t suffurd dethe for cryst sake
 Aftur y^t cryst styet up to euen yan to yo^ure deuocoun
 styr y^e more to y^{is} holy Martyr y^t suffred dethe for crystes
 sake as y^e boke of y^e apostul tellyth . When cryst
 Was styet to heyuen yen y^e apostullys tendyt all
 to prechyng of goddys woord and to holy prayers dud
 for . yey my3t+not all y^t tendyt to y^e Faythe yey cho
 syn vj . holy men owt of sixty and x y^t were crystes
 dyscypuls to help hem yn goddys seruys of y^e whnch
 y^e same steuen was the Furst And yur wysest and so ful
 of grace and my3ht of y^e holy gost yen he dyd mony
 wundurs and myraculys yn y^e pepull . But you3
 he were neuer so holy a lyuer he had here mony enmys
 Wher-fore mony Juwys of dyuersys cuntrys had enuy to y^e
 same stephen they resundyd agayns hym and sputet
 w^t hym a3ens crystyn faythe hauyng~ perposes yf yey
 my3ht+not ouer-cum hym by dysputacouns by fals whycchys .
 do hym to dethe but when sant steuyn knuwe yeyre
 malys he tho3t to sese hym by on of yes iij ways . be
 schamyng~ yn dysputacoun or be drede by reuelacoun . or .
 by loue off holy Orysens Fyrst he sayd be schamyg~
 yn dysputacoun for yey be-gan to speke w^t hym And he
 was so ful of y^e holy gost y^t yey had no w^t nor no
 Power to w^t-stond hym but he ouer-cumme he~ yn al yeyr~
 maters &~ preued her wytnes fals & sayd y^t he Was redy
 to dye in uerefyng~ al y^t he sayd and h^t was grete schame
 to he~ y^t wer~ clerkys & knuwe y^e lane & y^e profecyse y^t schuld
 comme & were fulfylld in ihesu crist yt he preched off and
 <fol. 17r>And yet yey wold not Be-leue yn hym but all-way A3en-stode

y^e holy gost y^t speke yn hym and schewet hem yn her
 conscyens that yey dyd amysse and yere as yey sauwe
 the commyn pepull turne to the faythe for wurddys or for
 myraculs . y^t god schewyt alway yn theyre sy3t yey alway
 agaynstode and set goddys wordys at no3t and not only
 by malys off Enmys hertys and by many reson off scrip
 ture yan were yey more angry agayn hym and fretyd yeyr@
 hertys w^t-yn-forthe and gnast w^t yeyr~ tethe a3eynyst hym
 and fretyt her-self and for yey my3ht+not ouer-cumme hym
 by dysputacoun yey so3tyn yf yey my3ht take hem yn
 Any woord of claundur yn god where-fore yey myhtt
 laufully haue done hym to dethe Then knuwe sant
 steuyn her malys and lyft up hys hys to heyuen
 And sau ihesu goddys sone stond at ys fadurs hand yen
 sayd sant stephene~ loo . J se . ihesu stond at hys fadur
 hond redy to help me and yerw^t anon~ a hys face schon
 as bry3ht as he hadde ben an Angell of heue~ But
 whe~ yey herd hym speke yey full fayn were to stop
 yeyre herys And yo3he yey had herd hym speke fals &
 Schalaundur . yn god y^t h^t had ben to horebull to any
 man to haue herd hym lye so Than~ anone yey druw
 hym owt y^e sete to stone hym w^t stonys to dethe as
 for a sclaundurur of god And schosen~ ij men y^t best counth
 cast stonys at hym and dyspoylyt hym of h^{is} clothys and
 layd hem at y^e Fete of a man~ wos callud Sale
 y^t aftur was sant paule For he was on of y^e cheefe
 y^t stonet san . steuen to dethe but whan san . steuen
 <fol. 17v>That he myht+not sesen hym by reuelacoun ya~ turned he
 to deuowt oryson and yen yey castyt at hym stonys to
 smyte+owt his brayne he cryde to god & sayd lord ihesu take
 my sprete / And for he wold pray more deuowtly for his
 enmys yen for hym-selfe he kneled downe to y^t herthe And
 sayd ihesu lord let y^e sen of hem be for3euen And anon
 When he sayd so he sclepyt yn god . then taketh hede
 good men sychn a brennyg~ he had yn hys saule y^t pray
 d more deuowtly for his dedly enmys yan he dyde
 for hym-selfe In thys he gaffe an hye ensampull
 to all cristen me~ and weme~ to haue charyte yche on
 w^t odur & to pray hertyly for yeyr~ enmys & for hem y^t pur

sude yo^u or dede yo^u any dysese . For he y^t prayth deuoutly
 for hys enmys he is yan a martur For martyrdome fallyt
 iij wyse y^t is passyon and wylle yer-to w^t wylle wyt
 passyon by passyon w^t-outyn wyll Jn scheuig~ of thes
 iij marturdomys y^{es} iij festys y^t Suwen the byrthe off
 cryst he schall be set re3t to ihesu cryst in heuen San
steue~ for he had passyon es next & wyll yerto San
John hade wylle but he was not slayne Innocentys
 yey sufferd dethe yey had no wyll yus many on by martur
 dam you3e he sched+not hys blode y^t when hem suffurd wrang
 or persecucoun of alle me~ and thankyt god yer-off And take
 h^t w^t good wylle & prayed to god for hys enmys yn Ful
 charyte . For martyrdam w^t-owt~ charyte as paule sathn
 profettes not wher~-for~ take goode hede and y^e schal
 Fynd y^t y^{es} iij were yn ful charyte san . steuen when
 he schuld dye he knelet downe & for hys Enmys he
 prayd san John when he yood to h^{is} dethn he sad to hem
 <fol. 18r>CHyldryn loue to-gedur And y^t is yno3he Innocentes . For yey
 where so yong~ y^t yey cowthe+not speke they schewde her
 loue by opun synnes for yey loughe on hem y^t sloo hem
 And playd w^t her hondys than for encheson y^t san ste
 uyn was so gloryus a martyr god scweud for hym many
 myraculys off y^e whychn y^{is} is on / Ther~ was an honesty
 woman and had viij sonnes and iij douters but yn a+mys
 hap yn a day wrothe down y^e modur so y^t scho in grete
 malys cursyd hem And anone for y^t euyl . wyll . Vengans
 Fell opou hem so y^t ye memburs of hem whokyn so y^t
 see hem had gret ruth on hem and ruden hem gretly
 And for yey my3t nat do not werke yey yode all
 abowte y^e Cuntre as nakyt bestys . Than h^t happ^t
 so y^t on of y^e bretherne y^t he3t poule and a syster he3t
 Pallida come yn-to chyrche of sant steue~ and whe~
 y^{is} man herd tel . how deuoutly san . steue~ prayed for
 hys enmys y^t scoloe hem then he had ful trust y^t he
 wold pray so for hem And yen he wold be hys seruand
 alway afftur . y^t he schuld be hole and so in full
 hope he yode yn-to y^e chaunsell & w^t his hert prayt
 to san steuen and anone yn y^e sy3t of all men he was
 hole and when y^e systur sau y^e brodur hole scho prayd

on the same wyse to san steue~ and *yan* as scho prayd
 scho fell a-slepe and whan scho wakyt scho was all
 hole and w^t all *her hert* scho thankyd god & san steuen
 Anodur myracull san Austen tellynth of a senatur
 of Rome and hys wyffe yedyn to ierusalem and *yer* he
 byld a chapell in wurschep of san steuen but
 <fol. 18v>Long aftur but long aftur hys dethe hys wyfe wold goo a3eyn to
 her aune cuntre and wold haue y^e bonys of her husband w^t *her*
 And so w^t *prayer* and w^t gyftys y^e byschap brou3t to *her* y^e bonys
 of san steue~ and also her husbandys bones . and sayd to *her*
 J knaue not whyche ben y^e bones of yⁱ husband *yen* sayd scho
Ser y knaue well yyes ben y^e bones of my maystur and scho
 wyst+not whedur yey were so or nay . And whan scho
cam to y^e see a . angell . song yn y^e ayer and swet sauyr *cam*
 owt of y^e bones y^t h^t passyd any spycery And *yan* fyndys
 cryden wo ys us for stouen y^t bytturly brend us and
 beth us & *yer*-w^t rered suchn a+tempest y^t y^e schypmen w<?>nd
 to haue ben drownnet *yan* yey cryed to san steuen &
 anone he apered to hem & sayd be no3ht adrede and A
 none the tempest cesyd *yen* y^e fendys cryand sayd y^u wyk
 kyd *prince* owre maystur brene y^e schyp . for steuen y^t
 ys oure aduersare is *yer*-in Than y^e *prince* of fendys send
 . v . fendys to haue brend y^e schyp but *yan* was y^e angel
 of god redy & drounet hem yn y^e see And whan yey
 come to lond w^t y^e schyp Feendys cryden . goddys *seruand*
cummys y^t was stonet to dethe w^t y^e wykkyd Jues / *yen*
yn y^e wurchyp of san . steuen *men* made a chyrche & put
 y^e bones *yer*-in where god wro3ht mony marancls for hym