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<Text: Sermon>

<fol. 60v><lat>Ecce nunc tempus acceptable Ad core</lat> J/o 3e sall fathfully traste and trew
 stedefastley as god
 biddes man and woma~ þ^t þai sall do gude agayne ill to the
 qwilc commawndment he
 gyues vs ensampell hym selfe and als be his haly saynte³ and
 mertires þat when
 þe Jewes had donne all þ^e dispyte to hym at þai myght do All þ^t
 wald haue forgyfnes
 he forgaff þam Also seyn Stewne when þe Jewes had staned : hym
 to dede þer he forgaff þam &
 sayd : <lat></lat> & c. lord Jhesu crist take no wrake of þame bod
 trewly
 þis ensampill now . on~ day is owr litill vsed for it es selden~
 seyne þat any man
 do gude agayne ill bot it es oftymes sene yf a+man do a+gude
 turne he sall haue A
 schrewde turne agayne For it now seyne all day and ane of vs
 hafe a bodily enmy
 and wald do vs a euell turne it es now our maner for to spy and
 loke howe we may
 comme to at do hym þ^e same . an~ whare yf we may what tyme we
 may gete þ^e
 þ^e ouerhand of hym and when we see we may comme to þa~ will we
 thynk now is tyme
 And yf our power be better þa~ his yan will we ouercome hyme and
 we may And þus
 suld we no3t do for we suld kepe vs fra hym and do as god biddes
 <lat></lat>
 & c. pray you þ^t wald do 3ow any ill at god amend þa~ and for-
 gyff þame

<fol. 61r>bod be *our* lady þer as enmy both to *our* body and Sawle and hyme
 luke we bot litill
 vn to . ouercome þ^t es þe fende of ell the whilke es enmy till *our*
 sawll wald we spy
 hym . day and nyght at ouercome hym as we spy *our* euen~ cristen~ to ouercome and ouercome
 yat fals fende as god biddes vs whare he says <lat></lat> Feght and
 ouercome and J sall crone y^e in the blisse of euen~ : Nowe yat we
 may feght and ouercome
 hym y^t foull fende at tempes vs day and nyght euer mor to ill
 praes to god hertly
 for his passion~ yat he *graunt*³ vs *grace* yer to J comend me vn to
 3*our* praeres all ye
 state of haly kirk <lat>Ecce nunc tempus</lat> [*ill*></ill>*sus*] als þe
 Apostell seynt Paule seys see now
 is tyme To yis spekes god and says yus Tyme is now . Tyme es for
 to come
 Tyme es gayne Tyme es gayne of ye synne and trespas yat we haue
 done . agayn
 the commawndment of god bot ye synne and trespas dwelles still with vs Tyme
 es nowe yat we emend vs of yais synnes yat we haue donne be-fore . ye . dredefull
 dey of dowme . of god Tyme es for to come yat yf we emend vs of yais synnes
 yat we haue donne be-for ye dredefull d<?>y of dwme of god elles sall we
 suffyr~ bitter paynes for yai~ and yer-for es tyme comen and ye day of hele for to
 hele yat has beyne seke yat es *our* sawle for als lang als we ley in synne als
 lang es *our* sawle seke and yer-for now es of hele of ye whilk tyme ilk cristen@
 man and woman awe to be glade and joyfull yat god has *graunt* swilk a+tyme at we
 may makes amendes till hym of all yat we haue in mend yat we haue donne
 agayne the commawndmentes and agayne *our* sawle seyn ye tyme we war~ last at
our confession to þis day so yat we may be redey to reseve the haly sacrament yat
 is his Flessh and his bloude in remision~ of *our* synnes And yerfor may we say now es
 a helefull tyme And pryncipaly to be mare in deuocon~ now yⁱs tyme and a <?>yer tyme
 of the 3ere for yis tyme es called ye tende partey of ye 3ere and þerfor right as we
 gyff ye tende partes of *our* gudes right swa aght vs to gyff ye mar fastyng prayeng
 more almus dede wakeng lesse in spekeng and euer to be in lufe and charety to
 god and owre euen~ cristen~ And als to come to ye kirk and here guddys *serueyse* .
 and pray for all cristen~ sawles and *our* gude doers and for all yat er in gude lyffying
 at god hald yam lang yerin and yais y^t er in ill leuyng y^t gode delyuer ya~ son~ þer of . And
 sithen eft~ to haue in mynde of 3*our* synnes and trispas y^t 3e haue donne agayne y^e
 commandmentes of god sithen tyme 3e war~ last at confession~ to yⁱs day and <?> acorde

ya~ and wryt ya~ in . 3our hertes righ als we wald a geste or a sange ye whilk war~ lykeng
 till vs to lere For trewly yf we acorde þat trewly and wele and gyff a+gude rakenyng
 lettynge for no schame ne for no awe elles lose we *our* Awne saule . And *yer* for for godes
 lufe by wele avysed or 3e come *yer* to for trewley yat at 3e forgete and 3e will nogh
 schew and kennes yat 3e haue donne ill and will no3t schryf 3ow *yer* of ye fend
 of hele he wryttes it full redy J. exemplum . We rede in y^e lyfe of seynt Benett
 of a man yat schrafe hyme of yat he kold thynk apon so when he had donne
 and was soyled his fader onder god Jnioned hym his pennance he had Joned hym
 for to a certeyn~ praeres and for gyff of his gude and he went furth and fogayt his praeres
 vnsayd almus dede had he donne ~~name~~ als he bad hym And so sekenes com till hym y^t hym
 bud passe of yis world and a litill be-for he suld passe y^e fend com till hym & seyde what
 does y^u here and he seyde J am comen~ to feche ye to me for sothe qd he y^u has
 no parte of me and yf y^u haue any parte lat see how y^u may prouet it / And þ^e fende
 sayde yat sall J wele prouef and he tuke oute a role her fynd J y^t y^u did noght
 y^t was enyoned . 3ow in schrift þ^e last tyme þ^u was schrefen~ and *yerfor* yis mysse
 es noght forgeten to y^u haue donne yi penance now said he what es y^t at yu
 says J haue nogh donne Diabolus y^u was in-ionede ij thynges the J dede yu noght
 almus dede and praeres and y/is man avysed hym & he fand he had forgeten~ hys praeres
 be-hynd vn-sayd Now sayd he J commande ye in y^e vertu of god to ga fra me and hafe
 no powere of me and comen~ agayn~ als tye <lat></lat>
 <fol. 61v>and yan come ye fynde agayne & when ye man sawe hym luke now an yi role said he
 and ye fende loked in his roule and all was away And yis fende flew a-way w^t a grete
 hidoes cry and saide yus <lat></lat> w^t sorow
 of hert euer more fordose and gase a-bowne all synne and *yerfor* J sey 3ow trewley schrift
 fordose synne and *yerfor* record wele at yis enmy hafe no3t at do with 3ow for 3e see
 by comyn curse and experiens a lorde yat has a grafe or a sergeaunt yai sall gyf *yer* counte
 anes in ye 3ere yai will luke how wysely yai kan~ make *yer* bukes and *yer* tayles at no
 fawte be fown~ for drede of punysseyng of *yer* body Now sithen we drede so mekill
 punysse of *our* body yat sall last in yis word bod a while for ye tyme yat we lyff
 here is body a cherey fayre now mekill mare suld we drede ye rekenyng yat we
 sall gyff to god yat we hafe myspendid w^t vrange and donne Agayn his commawndmet@
 ye qwilk yat suld be lyfe to *our* sawle euer lastand For we sall be-for hym gyff rekenyng of
 ye leste ydell word yat we speke here bot yf we make emendes *yer*- of in yis world
 Now sithen we sall gyffe a reken<smudge, most probably yng> of all ydell wordes mekill more we
 drede vs of
our euyll dedes bod we emend yame or we passe hyne and gyf a- counte of ya@ &
 trew rekenyng to *our* schryft fader in goddes stede w^t schryft of mouth and sorow of hert
 and as mercy and forgyfnes and be in will to emend vs and yan es a- counte wele gyue
 for *our* sawle for right als *our* body dose here rigt swa sall *our* sawle hafe when we en-



gayne be it gude or ill for y^e body did it and it gyfes neuer tale what y^u dose w^t it
out of yi hede yi leges yi Armes it feles no sore bod trewly ye sawle of of vs bydes
oyer in wele or in wa as we ordyn yer-for in our lyff yn to ye dome of god And yerfor for y^e
lufe of hym yat boght 3ow and vs . be-gyles no3t 3our sawle for god 3e may no3t be
gyle for he gyfes vs knowlege both of gude and euyll. And þer for when 3e come to
schew 3our lyfe schryfe 3ow openly of all 3e can thynk apon and thynk no schame to
tell 3our schryft vn-to hym yat 3e schryf 3ow to bod right in y^e same degre yat 3e hafe
trespassed telles it openly till hym y^t settes þer in goddes stede and take gudely & mekely
3our penance yat he yones and thynk yat 3e wer~ worthy to hafe a hundereth so mekill