þe byrth of crist ben set to-gedyr Jn tokenyng~ þ who soo sufferth any of þs he schall be sett next cryst yn heuen n seynt steuen he ys set next for he had passyonn and wyll þr-to ¶ Seynt Jonn had wyll but he was not slayne ¶ The Iinncentys thay suffredenn deth but þay had no wyll þerto but not a3eynes wyll þus may a mann be a+martyr þagh he sched no blod þat ys whenn he suffereth wrong~ and ys pursued of euell men n þonketh god þerfor and taketh hit wyth good wyll and prayth for his enmyes to god yn full scharyte ¶ For martyrdom wyth-out charyte as seynt poule saythe profutyþe noght wherfor taketh good hede and 3e schull fynde þat þs þre wern n full of charyte ¶ Seynt Ste venn whenn he schuld dye . he knelet a-downn forto pray for his enmyes ¶ Seynt Jonn whenn he went to hys deth he sayde to homn þat laydenn hymn my chyldyrenn loueth to-gedyr and þat ys ynog n ¶ The Iinnocentes for þay wernn so 3ong~ þat þay cowthe not speke þay schewet hor hor by openn sygne for þay dyddenn lagh on homn þat slownn hem and playde wyth hor hondes when þay seenn hor bryght swer des schyne ¶ Then for enchesenn þat Sa3unt steuenn was so gloryous martyr god schewet mony my racles for hymn of þe wheche þis ys onn <lat>narracio</lat> Ther was an honest womann and had seuenn sonnes and þre doghtyrs but yn a myshappe a-ponn a day all þay wraþdenn hor modyr so þat scho yn a gret
maleyse cursod hom all and a-nonn þe-r-wyth fell 
vengeans a-pon homm so þat þe membrys of homm 
qwoken þat all þat seenn homm had compasyonn of 
home þat rewedenn home gretly and for þay myght 
not do no good þay 3eden as mased bestes þurgh 
<fol. 17v>all þe contré ¶ Then hapenet hit so þat a bruthur of 
hem þat het Pole and a sustyr þat het Pallyda comen 
yn-to a chyrche of saint steuenn and whenn þe mann herd 
how deuotly seynt Steuenn prayde for hemm þat sloghenn 
hymm he had full tryst þat he wold pray for hymm and 
wold be hys seruant alway aftyr And so yn þe full 
hope he 3ede yn-to chansele and wyth all hys hert prayde 
seynt steven of helpe. And a-nonn yn seght of all menn 
he was all hole þe-yn whenn hisyster segh hyr broþer 
hole prayde þe same wyse þe-yn to seynt Steuenn and 
þe-ynn as scho prayde scho fell on slepe and whenn scho 
woke scho was hole and wyth all hyr hert thonket 
god and seynt Steuenn ¶ þe-ynn myracull Seynt aus 
teynn telleth þus a Senatour of rome wyth his wyfe 
goes to Jerusalem and ther byld a fayre chapell yn 
worschyp of seynt Steuenn and whenn he was ded 
he ordeynet hym-selfe to be buryed þe-r-ynn by seynt 
Steuenn but longe aftyr hys deth his wyfe wold 
goo a-3eyne to hyr contey scho wold haue þe bonys 
of hyr maystyr wyth hyr and soo wyth prayes 
and yftes þe byschop broght hur þe bones of steuenn 
and of hyr husbond and sayde to hyr J know not 
wher ben þe bonys of þy maystyr þe-ynn sayde scho syr 
J know well þe s ben my mysters bones and toke 
seynt Steuens bonys yn-stude of hyr maystyr 
vnyttytng~ þe-ynn whenn scho come on þe see angeles 
songenn yn þe ayre and as swete sauornn come out of þe 
bones þat passed any spyces and þe-r-wyth fendys 
cryedynn wo ys vs wo ys vs for steuenn goth and 
byttyrly brennyth vs and betyth vs and þer wyth 
reryth a tempest þat þe scheppenn wenden to haue 
bynn downet and cryed to seynt Steuenn and he a-nonn 
<fol. 18r>aperet to homm and seyde be not a-dred and a-nonn þe tem 
pest sesud ¶ Thenn herden þay fendes cryyng~ þu wykked womann our myaster brenne þe scheppen
for stevenne þat
ys our aduersary ys þær-ynn ¶ Then þær prince of fendys
sende fyue fendes forto brene þær schyppe but þær
was þær angell of god redy and drownet homyn yn-to þær
grownde of þær see and when þay come wþ þær schyppe to
londe fendes crydyynn ¶ Goddys seruan and comyth þat was
stenet to deth wyth wyket Jewys ¶ Then yn þær wor
schyppe of seynt Stevenne meny madenn a cyryche & put
hys bonys þær-ynn wþ god wroght mony myracles
for hymn ¶ Now pray we to þær blest martyr of crist
þat he woll pray for vs þat we may come to þær blysse
þat euer schall last to þær whiche blys god bryng þ you
and me to amenn . <lat>De festo sancti Johannis apostoli et</lat>
Goddys blessyd pepull 3e benenn comenn þay day to holy
cyryche to worschyp god and our lady & seynt Jonn
þay Euangelyst þat ys goddys owne derlyng~ wherfor
all holy cyryche þay day maketh mencyonn of þay specyll
grace þat crist 3af hymn befor all oþer dysciples he 3af
hymn grace of vyrgynyte . and grace of kepyng~ of his
modyr fre . And grace of schowyng~ of hys pryuyte
he 3af hymn grace of virgynyte þat ys of maydenhode ¶ For
as þay story tellyth and summe hann an opyneonn whenn he
schuld haue wedded mary mawdelenn cryst called hymn
and bede hymn sewe hymn and he a-nonn laft all þis
worldes vanyte and sewed crist forth and kept hymn
clene maydenn tyll his endyng~ day ¶ Jn preuyn of þis
as we redden whenn domiciunn þay emperour of Rome herd
þat Jonn prechet yn a contrey þat ys called asy and byld
mony cyryches he was wroth þerwyth and send aftyr
Jonn and made put hymn ynn a brasynn tonne full of
<fol. 18v>oyle and soo settyth hym þerynn But whenn he had long~
sothenn þerynn and all menn went he had benenn sothynn to
pesys þen þay Emperour bade aponn þay tonne and whenn
þay tonne was openet Jon come out of þay oyle and of
þay brennyng~ of þay fure as hole and as sond yn ych parte
of his body as he was clene of part of womonnys
body boþ of þoght and of dede . And oþer assay he had
full hard . whenn he see a tempull of Jewys full of
mawmetry he prayde to god forto dystrye hit . & þer-wit a-nonyn hit fell downe yn-to powdyr wherfor arysto
demus a byschop of þe tempull pursewed Jonn to þe deþ þyn sayde Jonn to hymm . what woll þat J do forto
make þe byleue on ihesu crist myl-lord þyn sayde he J
wyl make venynn and do menn forto dryngke hit befor
þe and whenn þyn sest hom ded drynke þyn þat wþt-out harmm and þen J schall leue on þy god ¶ Then
sayd Jonn go & do as þu sayst þen ordeynet þis byschop poy
senyn and geten two menn þat wern damnyn to þe
deth and made homm drynke of þat poysenyn befor Jonn
and whenn þay hadenn drongkenn þay were ded a-nonyn
ryght ¶ Then Jonn toke þat poysenyn and blessed hþ
and so drangke hit of and was neuer þe wors & semede
lyflaker aftyr þenn he was before. for as clene as he
was wyth-out venynn of lechery . so clene he was
of þat poysenn aftyr he had drongkenn hit ¶ But
þet þe byschop seyde he myght not leue tyll he segh
þe menyn reset a-3eyne to lyue þat wernn sleene by
dryingkyng of þat venynn ¶ Then Jonn cast oft hþ
cote and sayde haue þis and lay hit a-pon þe ded bodyes
and say þus Jon cristys a-postole send me to you
& bede you ryse vp yn cristys name and when he
had don so þay rysynn a3eyne to lyue ¶ Then this
byschop wyth mony oþer leued ynn crist and wernn
<fol. 19r>folowet of Jonn and he was aftyr a full holy mann ¶
Thus he þat hath grace to kepe hymm clene yn body &
sowle þagh þe fende held yn-to hymm venynn of lechery
or of othyr synne hyt schall do hym no harme but
yn þe a-3eyne-stondyng of his lust he ys a martyr be
for god and he schall be taken as for worthy to be
keper of cristys modyr ¶ Then þus for þe clennes
þat crist sygh yn Jonn befor all oþer whenn he schuld
dye he charget Jonn wþ þe kepyng of hys modyr~ and he
as a goode sonne schuld take hyr yn-to hys kepyng~
¶ So þat whenn crist was ded and ley in his tombe Jon@
wyth oþer help bare hyr yn-to his hous & kept
hir þer tyll crist was rysenn a-3eyne to lyue and
eft whenn crist stegh yn-to heuenn he kept hyr yn þe
same chambyr as long~ as scho lyued aftyr here
yn erthe ¶ Thus had he grace of kepyng~ of crystus
modyr~ fre ¶ And he had also grace ynn schowyng@
of goddys pryuetye ¶ Thus was furst when cryst
sate at hys soper on schorpursday for gret loue þ¹
he had to cryst he lenet his hed to crystys brest and
þenn ryght as a mann leneth to a well & dryngketh his
body full of watyr . ryght soo Jonn drangke of þ² well
of wysdoun þat ys yn crystys brest & fulled hys sowle
so full of gostly wysdome so þat aftyr he passed all
othyr yn wysdome ¶ Thus crist showed hymm of h³
priue et be-fore all othyr ¶ Also for he wold not stynte
to preche goddys worde the Emperour exilet hym alonly
yno þ² yle of pathmos ¶ But whenn he was þ³r h⁴
one god schewet hymm þ² apocalyppys of þ³ world þat
wer~ forto come and most of Antecryst & of þ³ worldes
endyng~ and of þ³ day of dome . and as he segh hit he
wrot hit yn gret confyrmacomn of holy chyrche ¶ But
aftyr whenn þ³ Emperour was ded Jonn was callet a
<fol. 19v>3eyne to þ³ cyte of Ephesim þer he was byschop ¶ And
whenn he come þedyr a wydow þat het drusyan lay
ded on bere þen for Jonn segh mony wepe for hyr Jonn
sayde to hyr Drusyann ryse vp & go & make me some
mete & scho a-nonn ros vp as þogh scho had rysen from
slepe ¶

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<fol. 76v><line 31>¶ wherfor good men & woymenn J
<fol. 76v>charch you heyly in god-ys byhalue þ¹ nonn of you to-day
com to god-ys bord but he be in full charyte to all god-is
pepull & also þ¹ 3e be clene schryuenn & yn full wyll to
leue your synne for yf J wyst whech of you wer out of
charyte & vnschryuenn J most be techyng~ of holy menn
w¹ a foule mouþ² say þus to hymm in audyens of all menn
J 3eue þ² here not þy howsyll but þy dampnacomn in-to
euerlastyng~ payne tyll þ³ com to a-mendement wherfor
for crist-is loue yche mann sech well his conciens & clause
h⁴ þat he may abull receyue hys sauyour & 3et forto
styr you more in conyens y tell you þ þ ensampull <lat>narracio</lat>
J rede of a holy byschop þ þ prayd god bysily to 3eue hymn grace to wytte whech wer worby to receyue þ þ sacrament & whech onn-worthy ¶ Thenn whenn þ þ pepull com to god-ys bord he sagh <exp>hommon</exp> somm com wþ hor face red as blod & blod droppyng~ out of hor mowþ. somm hor face as blacke as any byche. summe as whyte as snow & summe fayre & rody & lusty forto hold ¶ Thenn among~ oþur he sagh two comynn wymen comyng~ & hor facys schonyng~ as bryght as þ þ sonne þ þ had he mocch wondryr of þ þ syght & prayde to god to 3eue hymn reuelacomm & knowyng~ what all þ þ bytokenyd ¶ Thenn come þ þ angyll to hymn & sayd þ es þat hann blody facys & blod droppe out of hor mow þ es þo benn envous men & woymen & full of dedly wrþe & woll not amend homm & gnawenn hom byhynd & be vsed to swere horrybull oþþ by god-ys sydys & his blod & vmbrayden god of his passyon & donn hymn no reuence wherfor hor mowþ schull droppe of blod tyll þ þ pay com to amendement þ þ haue blak facys benn lecherys men & woymen þ þ wyll not leue hor synne ne hor lyst ne schryue homm þ erof. þ þ haue whit facys as snow <fol. 77r>ben þ þ haue donn gret synnys & benn schryuen þ erof & wþ þ þ wepyng~ of hor eenn hann wasshen hor soules so whyt & clene. þylke þat benn fayre & rody benn good comynn lyuers þ þ lyuenn truly by hor maynn swynke & so kepyþe homm out of dedly synne. & þ þ es two woymen þ þ schynenn passyng~ all oþur wer two comynn woymen & of euell lyuyng~ But when þ þ pay come in-to þ þ chyrch þ þ pay toke suche repentans in hor hertys þ þ þ þ pay maden a vow to god þ þ pay wold do neuer more amys wþ þ þ helpe of hys grace. wherfor god of hys mercy hþp for3euenn homm hor synne & so clene wasschenh hor sowles þ þ þ þ pay schyne þ þ passyng~ all oþer ¶ Then þ þ Angyll went his way & þ þ byschop þonkyd god of hys hegh grace þ þ þ þ he schewed hymn reuelacomm & serued god euere aftyr wþ all hys myght & had þ þ blysse of heuenn the wheche blysse god graunte you & me Amen. <lat>de festo sancti georgij martþris</lat>
Good men & woymen such a day 3e schull haue þ þ fest of saynt George þ þ wheche day 3e schull
come to holy chyrch in worschyp of god & of þat holy mar
tyrd seynt George þe bo3t his day full dere ¶ For as
J rede in hys lyfe J fynde þat þer was an horrybull dra
gon in þe Cyte wer so a-ferd þe þay by cownsell
of þe kyng~ yche day 3euenn hymn a schepe and a chyld
forto 3eue hyr to þe dragon
¶ Then whenn all þe chyldur of þe Cyte wer etenn for by
cause þe kyng~ 3af hom þe þay had hor chyldyr before ¶ Then þe kyng~ for
to þe Cytte wer eten for by cause þe kyng~ þat he put on doghtur forto 3eue hyr to þe dragon
¶ Then þe kyng~ for
fere of þe pepull wyth wepyng~ & gret sorow ma
denyed homm hyr doghtyr yn hyr best a ray ¶ Then þay settyn hur yn þe place þe þay wer
<fol. 77v>3o3t to set oþur chyldur and a schepe wî hyr forto abyde þe tyme
yttl þe dragon come ¶ But þen by ordenance of god seynt
George come rydyng~ þe way & when he saw þe aray of þe dame
sell hymn þoght well þat schuld be a womon of gret re
nonn & askyd hur why scho stode þer wî soo mornyng~ a chere
þen vnswared scho & sayde . gentyll kny3t well may J be
of heuy chere þe am a kyng~ys doghtur of þe Cyte & am sette
here forto be deouured a-noun of an <exp>horrybull</exp> dragon
þe hap etonn all þe chyldur of þe Cyte . & for all benn etenn now
most J be etenn for my fadyr 3af þe Cyte þe consell wherfor
gentyll knygth go s hens fast & saue þy-selfe lest he les
þe as he wol me ¶ Damesell <lat>quod</lat> george þe wer a gret vy
leny to me þe am a kny3twell J-armed yf J schuld fle & þe þe
art a woman schuld a-byde ¶ Then wyth þe worde þe horr
bull best put vp his hed & spyttyng~ out fure & proferet
batayll to George þenn made George a cros befor hymn &
set hys sperre in þe grate & wî such myght bare downn þe dragon
into þe erth þat he bade þis damysell bynd hur gurdull
a-bout his necke & lede hymn aftur hur in-to þe Cyte ¶ Then
þe dragonn sewet her forth as hyt had benn a gentyll hownn
de mekly wîout any mysdoysng~ ¶ But whenn þe pepull of
þe Cyte saw þe dragonn come þay floenn ych mann into hî hymn
for ferd ¶ Then callyd George þe pepull a-3eyne & bade þay
schuld not be a-ferd for yf þay woldenn leue in crist and
take fologht he wold befor homm all sle hymn & so dely
ver homm of hor enmy ¶ Then wer þay all so glad þat
Show of men was fyrst folowed and all hys
houishold. George slogh ys dragon and bade
bryng. x. exen to hym & draw hym out of his cyte
pat sauer of hym schuld do homm no greue &
<fol. 78r>bade he byld fast in eu er y hurne of hys lond chyrches
& be lusty forto here god-ys seruyce & do honour to all men
of holy chrych & euer haue mynd & compassionn of all men
pat wer nedy and pore ¶ Then when George had his
hord to god-is fayþe he herd how Emperor
Dyachilisian derved mony c riste n to deþ he went to hym
bol dely & repreued hymn of cursed dede ¶ Then Emperor a-non
commawndyd forto do hymm in-to prisonn and lay hymm per vp-ryght
& a myyne-stonn vpon hit his brest forto haue so cruschet hym
to deþ ¶ But whenn he was seruet he prayd to god of help
& god kept hym so he feld no harme ny no party of hys
body ¶ But whenn his Emperor herd herof he bade make a
wlele set full of howkes yn þat on syde of his whele sower
poynys in his stonys bylde a3eyne bat . & set George in myddys
& so forto turne the wheles & all to rase hys body on ay-þur
syde But whenn he was yn turment he prayd to crist of
socour & was holpenn annon aftyr he was put in hote bren
nyng~ lyme-kylne and closed þeryn forto haue benn bren
but god turnet w hys my3t þe hete into cold dew ¶ 3ette his
þryd day aftyr whenn all men wendon he had benn bren
to coles þenn was he fonde lyght & mery & þonked god
aftur whenn he was fatte & sette be-fore Emperor he re
preuyd hymn of hys false goddys & sayde þay wer but
fendys and wyth-out myght & false at nede ¶ Then
made þe Emperor forto bete his mouþ wþ Stonys tyl
hþ was all to-pounet & made to bete hys body wþ dry
bolle-senows tyl þe flessch fell from his bonn & hys guttes
myght be seyne ¶ 3et aftyr þay made hymn to drynke
venomm þþ was made strong~ for nonus forto haue poy
sont hymn to þe deþ a-non . but whenn George had made his
syngne of cros on hit he dranke hþ wþ-out any greue
<fol. 78v>souþ þe for wondur herof þat mynd þe poysen anon turned to the
fayþer & a-nonn was donn to deþ for cryst-ys sake ¶ Then þe
ny3t aftur as George was in prisonn prayng~ to god god come
to hymn w' gret lyght and bade hymn be of good comfort for
in þe morow he schuld make an end of hys passyoun & so comm

to hymn into þe joy þ' euer schall last & whenn he had set a crownn
of gold a-ponn hys hed he 3af hymn hys blessyng~ & stegh
into heuenn ¶ Thenn a-non on þe morow for he wold not do
sacryfice to þe Empour-ys false goddus he made to snyte
of hys hed & soo passed to god & when þe Empour wold
hau gonn to hys palys þe layte fure brent hymn and all h's
servantes <lat>Narracio</lat> Jn a story of Antioch ys wrytton þat
whenn cristen men beseget Jerusalem a fayre 3ong~ kny3t
aperut to a prest & sayde þ' he was saynt George & leder of
cristen men & commaundyd þ' he schuld bere w' hom h's rely
kes & com w' homm to þ' sege ¶ But whenn þay comen to þ' wal
les of Jerusalem þe sarecens wereñn so strong~ w'yn þat
cristen men durst not clymb in hys laddres ¶ Then comm
seynt George clopyd yn whyte and a red crosse on hys
brest and 3ode vp þe laddys & bade þe cristenn men comm after
hymn & so w' helpe of seynt George þay wonen þe Cyte
and slygh all þe sareys þay fonden þer-ynn ¶ And þer
for pray we to saynt George þat he wyll be our helpe
at oure nede & saue þe reemn to þe worschyp of god & his
modyr mary & all þe company of heuenn Amen.