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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 98r>Crsten men and women 3e schul knowe well þ^t þis is an
 he3e feste in holy chirch of cristes body þ^e which is eche day
 offerth vp in holy chirch in þ^e auter to þ^e fader of heuen in remission
 of synne al þ^t lyuen here in parfite charite and in gret socoure & releas
 of her payne þ^t ben in purgatori ¶ Then schul 3e know þ^t þis fest
 was fondon by a <rbd><1 word></rbd> þ^t was called vrbane þ^e fourth he had gret
 deuocion in þis sacrament consydering þ^e gret grace of god & he3e help
 þ^t god 3euet to al his pepul by vertu of þis sacrament ¶ Wherfor
 he ordeynet þis fest for to be halouet þis þursday next after þe fest
 of þe trinite For ry3t as eche cristen man & woman þ^t wol be sa
 ued mot nede haue parfite charite in þ^e trinite . ry3t so mot he haue
 ful fayth and beleue in þ^e sacrament of cristis body þ^t is made in þ^e
 auter by vertu of þ^e holy wordys þ^t þ^e prest sayed þer & by worchyng
 of þ^e holy gost ¶ Then for þis holy <rbd><1 word></rbd> þo3t for to draw godis
 pepul w^t þ^e bettur wyl to þ^e chirch þ^t day he grawnteþ al þo þ^t
 ben verely schryuen & contrite for hyr synnes and ben in þ^e chirch
 at boþe euensonges of þis fest & at masse & at maytines . For
 eche of þes a hundret days of pardon & for eche oþur owre of þis day
 fourty days to pardon . & for eche day of þis vtas<?> a hundret days
 to pardon to dure fore euer-more ¶ Then schul 3e know well þ^t oure
 lord ihesu crist on schere þursday at ny3t when he had sowput &
 wyst how þ^t he schul in þe morow suffre deth & so passe out of
 þis world vnto his fader . he ordeynet a perpetual memory of
 his passion for to abyde w^t his pepul ¶ Thus he toke bred &
 wyne & made hit his owne flessch & his blod & 3af hit to his
 discyples & bade hem ete hit & drynk hit in mynde of hym & so 3af
 hit to hem & to al oþur prestes . 3ee & to al oþur prestes power & digni
 te for to make his body of bred & wyne in þ^e auter . so þ^t eche

prest haþ of cristis 3eft power for to make þis sacrament be he
 bettur be he wors . For þ^t sacrament is so he3e & holy in hym-self þ^t þer
 may no good man a-mende hit ne no euel man apayre hit .
 But þ^e prest þ^e which is a good lyuere & doþ his offyce well and
 worþely . hym schal be well þ^t euer he was borne for he haþ of
 <fol. 98v>godis 3eft here in erth þ^t he 3af neuer to angele in heuen þ^t is for to
 make godis body ¶ wherfor he schal haue suche a worsschypp
 in heuen a-monge angeles & passyng þ^t no tonge may telle ne hert
 þenke . And he þ^t is an euel lyuer and wot hym-self in dedly synne
 and is in no purpos to amende hym . Be hym sekyr for+to haue a perpetu
 al confusion of fendys in helle and be vndur hem in euer-lastyng payne
 Then schal 3e knowe well þ^t crist laft þus þis sacrament for to be vset
 algate in holy chirch for foure skylles to al godis pepul ¶ For manes
 gret helpyng . For cristis passione mynnyng . For gret loue schowyng .
 and for gret mede getyng ¶ The forme is for manes gret helpyng
 boþe in lyf and in deth . first in lyuyng . for as saynt austyn sayed . als
 ofte as a man or a woman cometh in to þ^e chirch to here masse . God 3e
 ueth hym seuen 3eftis . and þo ben þes . ¶ That day hym schal wonte
 no bodyly fode . Jdul speche þ^t day is for3euen hym . His idul ly3t o
 þues ben for-3eton . He schal not þ^t day lese his si3th . he schal not þ^t
 day dey no sodeyne deth . and as longe as þ^e masse lesteth he schal
 not wax olde ¶ And his angele telleth eche paas þ^t he goþ to þ^e chirch
 in gret worschip to hym . be-for god þis help he haþ in lyuyng . In deyng
 a cristen man sendyth aftur þ^e preste for to come to hym w^t godys body
 for two causes nedeful at his endyng ¶ On is for to se þ^e sacrament
 of godys body and receyue hit knolechyng þ^t he beleueth stedefastly
 þ^t hit is þ^e same flessch and blod þ^t crist toke in mayden mary and
 was borne of hyr verray god and man . and aftur soffreth deth on þ^e
 crosse and was buryed and ros from deth to lyue . and now settyth on
 þ^e faderis ryght hond in heuen . and schal come a3en forto deme þ^e
 qweke and þe dede ¶ And so w^t þis parfite beleue he armeth hym
 and maketh hym strong and my3ty for to a3en-stond þ^e fendes þ^t wol
 assayle hym when he passeth oute from þ^e body in al wyse þai con for
 to assay 3ef þei mow bryng hym oute of þ^e beleue ¶ Then schal þ^e sa
 crament þ^t he receyuet make hym so myghty þ^t he schal ouercome hem and
 sett no3t by hem ¶ That opur skyl is for to aske mercy of crist and remis
 sion of his synnes hauyng ful beleue þ^t crist is euer redy to for3eue al þ^t
 asket mercy w^t trew hert ¶ This was schowet by ensample when
 he honget on þ^e crosse by-twix two þeues þ^t weren men of curseth

<fol. 99r>lyuyng and were þerfore dampned to be dede ¶ Then one of hem
 asket crist mercy w^t meke hert and repentyng . and at þe forme pray
 er a-non crist 3yf hym mercy and more w^t grawnted hym forto come
 to paradyce a-none þ^t same day ¶ That oþur nolde aske no mercy
 for a prowde hert þ^t he had . and þerfor he was dampned ¶ Then
 as crist þ^t day schdde his blod on þe crosse in helpe of al mankynd
 So 3et eche day in þe masse he scheddet his blod in he3e mede to
 al þ^t þis beleuet ¶ For w^t-out þis beleue þer may no man be sa
 uet . wherfor J telle þis ensample þ^t y rede in þ^e lyue of saynt
 Ode þ^t was bischop of Canturbury . <lat>**Narracio**</lat> This byschop
 had w^t hym of his clerkys þ^t beleuet not parfitly in þ^e sacrament
 of þe auter . and sayde þ^t þai my3t not beleue þ^t crist schedd his
 blod in þ^e masse . Then was þis bischop sory for her mysbeleue
 an prayed to god 3orne for her amendement . and so on a day as
 he was at his masse when he had made þe fraccion as þe maner
 is he sa3e þe blod drop doun from þe ost fast in-to þe chalice þen
 he made syne to hem þ^t mysbeleuet to come and se ¶ and when
 þei saue his fyngurys blody and blod rane of cristis body in-to
 þe chalis þai weron agryset þ^t for verray fer þai cryet and sayd
 Be þow blesset man þ^t has þis grace þus to handul cristis bo
 dy we beleue now fully þ^t . þat þis is verray godis body and his
 blod þ^t dropet þer-in-to þe chalis ¶ But now pray to hym þ^t þ^u
 hast þer-in þi hondys þ^t he sende no vengeance vpon vs for oure
 mysbeleue and so þe sacrament turnet in-to his forme of bred as
 hit was befor . and þai weren good men and parfytte al-way aftur
 in þe beleue ¶ The secund cause þ^t þe sacrament is vset in þe
 auter is forto make man by ofte seyng to haue þe sadur mynde
 of cristis passion in his hert . and so to be armet algate a3en
 þe fende . for as saynt austyn sayde . þe mynde of cristis pas
 sion is þe best defence a3ens temptacions of þe fende . ¶ herefor
 ben roodes sett on hey in holy chirch and so by sy3t þerof haue mynd
 of cristis passion ¶ And þerfor roodes and oþur ymages ben necessa
 ry in holy chirch what-euer þes lollardes sayn . For yf þay nade
 ben profitable goode holy faders þ^t haue be to-fore vs wold haue
 <fol. 99v>don hem out of holy chirch mony a 3ere gon ¶ But ry3t
 as a man dop worschip to þe kyngis sele . not for loue of
 þe sele but for reuerence of þe man þ^t owet hit . So for þ^e
 roode is þe kyngis sele of heuen and oþur ymages þ^t ben made
 of holy sayntes þ^t ben in heuen w^t hym and þerfore men wors

chipen ymages ¶ For as Jon Weller<?> tellet ymages and peyn
 tours ben lewde menys bokys . and J say bodyly þ^t þ^{er} ben
 mony þousandd of pepul þ^t couþ not ymagen in her hert
 how crist was down on þe roode but as þai lerne hit be sy3t
 of ymages and payntours ¶ Thus for to make <ill><1 word></ill> haue þ^e
 bettur mynde of cristis passion J telle yow þis ensample

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<fol. 101r>self . þus . þou foule þef þ^t hast left þi creature þ^u schalt
 abyge . and when he hade beten hym-self þus . þen kest he
 on his clothes and ran furth . and þen was he warre of
 a pyler of fyre þ^t last from þe erth vp to heuen . Then was
 he fyrst a-gast . but aftyr he blesset hym and 3ode nere hyt
 þen saue he al þe bestes of þe medow a-bout þ^t pyler in .
 compas . So when he come to þis pyler hit schon als bry3t
 as any sonne þen was he warre of godis body lyyng .
 on þe gras . and þe pyler of fyre from hit vp to heuen . þen
 fel he donne on knes . and asket mercy w^t al his hert wepyng
 sore for his neclygens . but when he hade made his prayer
 he ros vp an loket about and saue al þ^e bestys knele on
 bothe her knes and worschyppyd godis body saue one
 blak hors knelet but on his one kne . þen sayde þis good
 man to hym þus . yf þ^u be any best þ^t may speke . J bydde
 þe in þ^e vertu of þis body þ^t here lyet þ^t þ^u speke and telle .
 me why þ^u kneles but on one kne . whyle al þes op^{ur} bestes
 knelen on boþe her knes . Then ansuereth he and sayd . J am
 a fende of helle and wold not knele on nop^{ur} kne my wylles
 but J am made to do so a3en my wylle . for hit is wry
 ten þ^t eche man of heuen and erth and helle schal bowe
 to hym .

Then sayde he to hym why art þ^u lyke an hors . þen
 sayde he J go þis like an hors for+to make men for+to stele
 me . and þus was a man of suche a toun honget for me
 and eft a-nop^{ur} . and at suche a toun þe þyrde . Then sayde
 þis vykery J commaunde þe in þe uertu of þis body þ^t here
 is þ^t þ^u go in-to wyldernes þ^{er} no man comet . and be þ^{er} tyl
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<fol. 101v>w^t al þoure hert and beleue sadly þ^{er}-in as J haue sayde 3ow

and þen wol he loue þou and bryng 3ow to þe blysse þer he
 is in and so god graunt <lat></lat>
 Good men and women suche day is þe fest of seynt
 barnabe cristis holy apostul but for he was
 not one of þe nombre of þe twolfe apostulis þerfore
 his day is not haleuet But in diuerse places boþe here
 and <ill><2 words></ill> day ys womons holy and plees for godis
 loue men <smudge> Thys man was an holy man for when
 he herd Crist preche he dude a-none as he concelet hym
 he 3ode and sold al his lond and al oþur thyng þt he hade
 and broght þe price to þe apostules and put hit into
 her dysposicione and he hym-self sewet crist pore
 boþe in body and in spyrite . For he hade ful beleue
 in godis mercy and þt he prevet when he hade conuer
 tit saynt Poule he came to Jerusalem for+to haue ben
 in company w^t cristis disciplus but þai al fled from
 hym as schep from þe wolfe and durst not be in his
 company be no way . Then barnabe trust in þe mercy
 of god . and made of lyons schepe þt is of prowde men
 and hye he made symple and meke and prowde he
 made hem lowe and symple and ful of al vertu . wher
 fore he 3ode to poule and broght hym to þe apostlus
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 <fol. 102r>oþur wold haue ben bolde for+to haue don amys . þen
 hade barnabe compassyon of þis man for he was
 sory for his trespas and also for he was his broþur sonne
 where-for he made þis man sewe hym and so for loue
 of þis man barnabe left poule and 3ede in-to a-nopur con
 tre for to preche . and so þis Jon was an holy man aftur
 in so muche þt Crist apperyt to hym and comfortet hym
 in his tribulacione ¶ Barnabe hade also gret de
 syre for to suffre deth for cristis loue . wherefor crist ap
 peret to hym in a vysion and bade hym goo into Cy
 pure and take martirdome þer for his loue Then was
 Barnabe glad and fayne and 3ede þyder w^t glade
 chere . and when þay comen þyður þan seen boþe men
 and women at her temple renne nakyd and makyng
 playes of mawmetry . where-for barnabe was so wroth
 þt he cursed þe temple . and sodenly a parte þerof fel

donn and ouerfel mony of hem . þen were þe byschopes
 of þe temple so wroth þ^t þai token barnabe and bown
 den hym w^t cordes and dyde hym gret passion and
 aftur þai dro3 hym out of þe Cyte and a gret fyre and
 kest barnabe þer-In and so brent hym to þe deth . But
 on þe ny3t aftur . Jon w^t his feres token þ^t was vn
 brennet of barnabe and buryed hit in a preuy place
 Thus . þis man made and ende w^t þis world and
 is now an holy martyr w^t god in heuen . wherfor 3e
 schal knele donn and pray þis holy saynt þ^t he wol so pray
 for 3ow to god þ^t he 3eue 3ow grace for to be pore in hert
 and haue ful fayet in godis mercy and also to haue com
 passyon of al þ^t ben in diseas and þ^t 3e mow dey in
 ful charite and in wyll for to com to crist for to dwelle
 w^t hym for euer in þe ioye þ^t euer schal last to þe whiche
 ioye god bryng vs . amen <lat></lat>
 Cristen men and women . suche a day schal be seynt
 wynfrydus day þe which day is now ordeynet
 <fol. 102v>to be halow<rbd><.></rbd>et . An þer ar mony men that han deuocorn
 to þis holy mayden wherfor 3e þ^t haue deuocion to þis
 holy seynt comet þ^t day to þe chyrch to worschyp god &
 þis holy mayden and martyr . Then how sche suffret mar
 tyrdome 3e schal now here . for þo3e some knowen hit . þer
 ar mony þ^t knowen hyt not . and þo3e a good tale be twys
 tolde hit is þ^e bettur to lernen and for+to vndurstond . Ther
 was in 3onre tyme a holy heremyt þ^t was callet Bew
 now þ^e which com to a good man þe whych was callet
 thewythe þe which was wynfredes fader þ^t was a ry
 che man of londes and rentys and prayet þis thewyte for+to
 3eue hym a place of erth on þe which he my3t bylde a chirche
 to serue god In and to preche godis word to þe pepul . Then
 was thewyte glad of þis askyng and ordeynet hym a place
 ne3 to his owen house þ^t he my3t w^t opur come to seruyce of
 god . Thus in þ^e mene whyle þis chyrch was in byldyng
 ofte he preched godys word to þe pepul . and wynfrede come
 þydur w^t hyr fader . and when sche herd hym speke of the
 gret mede þ^t maydenys schulde haue in heuen passyng al
 opur orders . þen hade sche so gret deuocion in his sayng þ^t a
 none sche made a vow þ^t sche wold neuer haue part of

manes body . but abyde alwey in hir maydenhode whyl
 þ^t sche lyuet . Then on a soneday when þis chirch was made
 and byld thewyte w^t al his meyne 3ede to þe chirch but
 wynfrede bode at home for a sekenes þ^t greuet hir þen and
 my3t not go to þe chyrch . þen als sche sat at home hur
 self come þer-In a kynges sonne þ^t was callet Cradok for+to
 ly by þis mayden . but when he spak to hyr of doying of
 þ^t synne sche sayde þ^t sche wold go in-to hir chambre and
 make hyr more honest þen sche was and so come to hym
 a-none a3en ¶ and when sche come in-to þe chambre by
 an vtture dore sche ran towarde þe chirch als fast as sche
 my3t hopying for+to haue socure þer . But when Cradoc
 saue hyr renne toward þe chirch he ouertoke hir and sayde
 <fol. 103r>but yf sche wolde a-sent to his wyll he wolde anone
 smyt of hir hede . Then knelet wynfrede donn and sayde
 J haue leuer þ^u do me to deth þen defowle my body þ^t J
 made a vowe for+to kepe clene in mayden-hode whyle
 þ^t J leue to my lord ihesu crist . Then Cradok out w^t his
 swerde and at on strong smet of hir hede and for hit was
 donn þe hylle to þe chirch þe hede neuer stynt tombelyng
 til hit come þyder in sy3t of al þ^t weren þer . wherfor men
 were sore a-fry3t þ^t þai made suche a noyse þ^t Bewnow
 hade gret wondyr what hit my3t be and come to hem for+to
 wyte what was þe cause of þ^t noyse . Then when he saue
 þe hede he toke hit vp and kysset hit ofte tymes sore wepyng
 and bare hit vp to þe body be-holdyng on Cradok how he
 wyput his swerd on þe gresse