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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 6rb><line 35><lat></lat> **Mony seyn to my soule þer**

is no hele to hit in god of hit ¶ This

seyinge is of the deuyll wher mon þorogh

his entisinge is cumbred w^t mony synnes .

For he is euer aboute to bryng men in dispeire

seying to hem . þ^u hast mucche synned . & it is

<fol. 6va>hard to leue lust of thi flesch & lykyng of the

worlde . Do forþ & lede þⁱ lif as the lust . for

god wol not hele þⁱ soule . he is a lier þ^t tel

leþ þe þis and bigiler of þⁱ soule . for god^{us}

mercy is euer redye to all men þ^t for his luf

wol forsake hir synne . & þis þe prophet

schewiþ & seiþ <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> **my lord**

þ^u art my vptaker my ioy & hei3ing my hed

¶ þus þei seid to deceyf me bot lord þ^u

takes me not aftur hor fals wordus . &

forþⁱ þ^u art my ioy . þat is j ioy in the & seche

onlye þin honour not vanyte ne preysing

of men . & forþⁱ þ^u art hei3ing my hed fro

erþly loue in-to contemplacyon & loue of he

uen so þ^t j be not put downe þor3e gruc

ching in no temptacyon ne tribulacyon þ^t

falliþ . for paciens is so roted in my hert

þorgh luf of crist þ^t bi his grace it makeþ

me to spring & sprede in charite bothe to

frendes and enemys . forþi . <lat></lat>

<lat></lat>

<lat></lat> w^t my voice j cried to *our* lord and he

herd me fro his holy hul . ¶ A deuout vois
 of hert þ^t is a+gret 3erning of godus luf for h^t
 souneþ plesantly bifore *crist* in swetnes . De
 uoute prayer he calleþ criing for þe strength
 of the fuyre of luf ^[is] in deuout soule & makeþ
 his *praier* to perse heuen . And so god herd his
 prophete . & vche day herus deuout prayers
 of his *seruantes* . fro his holy hul þ^t is holy
 chirche or vche deuout monnes soule þ^t is
 hye in *vertues* as an hil reised fro þe wrechid
 nes of the worlde þ^t worldely men resten
 hem in as a swyne sleping in myre or in
 a dunge-hul . and forþi . **<lat></lat>**

<lat></lat>

<lat></lat> j haue slepped and j am napped & j

rose for my lord toke me vp . ¶ her~ the
 prophet spekip in the *person* of synful men þ^t *per*
 grace has forsaken his wycked lifyng . &
 <fol. 6vb>for luf of endles blys purpose him or kepe
 goddes lawe and life more *perfitely* & makyng
 his moone he seiþ j rested me first in synful
 lyf and slownes & j am soked in my synne
 for long liyng *per-in* And siþen j rose *per* grace
 from deþ to lyf fro ydultees and vanytes of
 the worlde to excersise in goddis *seruyse* . But
 þus dud j not bi my-self but my lorde toke
 me vp fro synne to penaunce . When my
 wylle hated to synne for þen þur3e luf of
 criste j was made soroweful for my trespas
 and *perfore* he enspired my hert to hate synne
 euur-aftur and for gret mekenes & paciens þen
 þ^t he kyndelid in me **<lat></lat>**

<lat></lat>

<lat></lat> j schal not drede þousandus of

folle goyng aboute me . lord ryse make me
safe my god . ¶ Thes thousandes of folc
 bene alle þe deuels of helle and viciouse
 men w^t alle oyer temptaconns the which gone

aboute men to deceyfe hem & depart hem fro
 god . Bot alle þos þar him not drede whom
 god haþ vptaken . and þerfor desire we þis siker
 nes of god and sey we deuoutly . rise lorde
 & make me *per* þi grace rise *perfitly* in-to þi luf
 & make me safe my gode god . for þi luf saueþ
 for drede of euel þing . <lat></lat>

<lat></lat>

<lat></lat> For þ^u has smyten alle contrariyng to
 me w^tout encheson þ^u altobrast þe teþ^e of þe

synful . ¶ lord *per* þi grace þ^u safe me for j loue
 þi doying and þi byddyng . & þ^u shalt smyte þ^e
 deuyl and alle his lymes in euur-lastyng
 dampnacoun . for þei noye þi louers w^tout en
 cheson . for noþinge haþ reson to noye a+ry3te
 wys+mon þ^t noyeþ no mon . For no mon may be
 excused þat harmeþ a gode mon in worde
 or in dede . for vche mon is holden to help hym
 in his *seruyse* & to luf his godenes . The teþe
 of synful is þe maliciously gnawying of bak
 biters & deceyfable wordes of flaterers . þe
 whiche *crist* shalle alle to-breke in hur teþe
 For þen þei shul not conne see þ^e euel of
 <fol. 7ra>ry3twys men . ne gode of hem-self ne of euel
 men whom þei ne flatur in hor synne for
 drede of fauour or wordely mede . bot þen þei
 shul lefe hur teþe . þ^t is alle hor fals strenþ þ^t
 beres hem now vp . shal faile hem in most
 nede & þei for hur flatteryng and fals clo
 syng in synne & a3eyns seyinge þe treuþ^e of
 goddes lawe wynne hem þe fire of helle
 þ^t neuur schal haue end . But þei þ^t bene trew
 in godes lawe schul sone passe alle noye
 & þe tribulacyoun & þe sekenes of þis worlde in
 to rest of hele euur-lastyng in ioie . <lat></lat>

<lat></lat> Of lord

is hele and þi blessing on þi folke ¶ Trowe
 3e to þ^t . þat is seyde of holy wryt to hele of 3our
 soule & hope studfastly in crist & in his lawe

& nou3t in 3our-self ne in lawe of monnes
 fyndynge . furþer þen god is þe grounde . for all
 onlye in him is helpe . and sauacioun . & he
 wol not safe bot his louers . þ^t lufen him
 her~ in kepyng his cumaundments . for he þ^t
 kepes hem wel ys only lufed of god . And
 lord on þⁱ folke þ^t is on vchon þ^t sechen to do
 þⁱ wylle be þⁱ blessing and þer-of þ^u graunt vs
 part þ^t we may þer-þor3e be brou3t to þⁱ loue &
 so to endles blysse in heuen .

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**When j cleped god of my ry3twisnes
 here me in tribulacyon þ^u madest brode to me .**

¶ þe way of ry3twysnes þis is . þe vois of
 ry3twis+mon . As who seiþ . When j cleped in
 wardly jhesu criste in-to my soule to 3if to me
 more grace . þat is continue is grace w^t me
 not w^t-drawynge hit for synne done bifore
 & god 3ifer & worcher of my ri3twysnes þur3e
 his mercy herd me . þ^t is he 3af to me my 3er
 nyng not aftur the desire of the flesch . but
 to hele and profyt of my soule & in waxing in
 his luf . & not in þ^e luf of erthly þingus . þis the
 prophete spekes to men tellyng þat god haþ herd
 him and how aftur he hath god in his hert
 <fol. 7rb>of whom he spekeþ . for gret loue makeþ men
 homeliche to speke to god . for-þⁱ he seid in tri
 bulacyon þ^u madest brode to me my hert . þ^t is
 to sey . fro gret Anguysch of malice & sorennes
 þ^t þe fals welþ of þis fals fals worlde come
 not to me aftur my desire . þ^u hast brou3t me
 þerfro w^to^t grucchinge to gostly ioy . þe which
 is of clene consciens . þ^t is rote of alle delite
 and true charite þ^t putteþ away straytnes
 and makeþ a+mon large . þ^t is . hit makeþ a+mon
 encrese fro day to day in vertues . and lowses
 alle bandes of synne and schameþ the deuel
 and alle his mynystres and hit ledeþ hem

þ^t kepen hit in-to brede . þ^t is . in-to brode wey
 of cristus cumaundments . jn þis brede holden
 alle holy men and wymmen and þei þ^t haue
 not fonden þis wey . her hertes bene ful
 streyt bounden in deceytes of the deuyll of
 þ^e worlde and of the flesche . And so alle hor
 ioy schal be wyped away when ry3twisnes
 faileþ þ^t þei here lufed and trusted me . For
 how schulde he bot faile . þ^t settes his luf on
 failyng thing . for-þi lorde . **<lat></lat>**
<lat></lat> hafe mercy of me lord
and here my prayer ¶ þ^u hast mercy of me in
 ry3twisnes stiryng me fro synne . & 3it hafe
 mercy of me lorde helpyng me a3eynes wre
 chidnes of this lyfe . þ^t no þing let me to be
 perfit in þi loue . þat puttes away alle wyked
 nes when hit bygynneþ to flamme my
 hert . þerfore lorde here my prayer~ þ^t my de
 sire be fulfilled boþ in frendus & enemys . seying
<lat></lat>
<lat></lat> So
nes of men how longe be 3e heuy of hert .
wherto loue 3e vanyte & sechon lesinge ¶
 God haþ mercy of mony . and so he wol of
 3ow 3if 3e wol leue to synne . for-þi 3e sonas
 of men þ^t is of Adam and Eue whom 3e
 folow beryng in 3ow hor ymage how longe
 wol 3e be heuy of hert . þ^t is when wil 3e
 leue þ^e heuy beryng of synne . & þ^e noyes
 wey3t of wicodnes þe which makes 3our hertes

<Tranche 2>

<fol. 24ra>is þur3e freten w^t rust of lust And lykyng of the fles
 che and of the fals worlde ablen hom not to re
 ceyue grace to þonke crist w^t hur gode lifing
 for the gret godenes and kyndenes þat he of
 his fre wille dude to monkynde . whi so . for
<lat></lat>

<lat></lat> The sekenes of hom bene multi
 plied and aftur þei hasted hom ¶ mony men
 when þei haue synned knoweþ *per* grace the se
 kenes of hur soules . and afturwarde þei haste
 hom to the leche . For he that is seke schulde
 rapen seche the leche þen þe leche him . A foule
 pride it is of mon when he is wondid w^t synne
 þat deyneþ not to go to *crist* godis sonn of heuen
 to aske for 3ifnes of his synne . but þenkeþ or
 saip proudely . 3if god wol safe me let him . bot
 þei wol not w^t a+sorewful hert mekely aske
 mercy forsakyng hor synne . Suche blynde
 wrecches and þei haue bodely sekenes . won
 ful+fayne w^t trauaile and cost . seche to haue
 a+leche þat con hele hem . And so þei schewe
 þ^t þei loue hur stynkyng body . bettur þen hur
 soules . and hur lif bettur þen god . of whom
 deþ is the end as seint poule seiþ . þ^t is endles
 payne in helle þ^t neuer schal cese . For alle suche
 wrechus blinded w^t synne felen not þe sorenes
 of hur soules . and þerfor þei knowen not þat
 þei ben seke . and so þei dee in hur synne . and
 of suche god seiþ <lat></lat>

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<lat></lat> J schal gedur þe couentus of hom
 of blodes ne J schal not be þenkyng on hor
 nomus bi my lippus ¶ That is to sey . J schal
 not gedur the couentus of wiccod men endyng
 in hor lustus to þe cite of heuen . but in-to the
 fire of helle þat ner schal be slekked . For he
 uen is ordeynde only for my chosen frendus
 the which sleen in hom fleschly synnus & vices
 and gone gostly þe wey of the spirite reuling
 hom bi resoun and bi godus lawe þes bene
 not men of blode . Blode bitokenes synne
 & vnclannes þ^t wrechus lyue in fulfillyng hor
 fleschly desires *per* veyn stiryngus and he3nes
 of hur blode . þat þei done comenly þ^t bene
 comen of grete worldely kyn . hei3ing hom

<fol. 24rb>self w^t pride And gret bostful wordes . forþⁱ
 J schal not thenk on hur nomes to write hom
 in the boke of lif . For be my lippus þei schun
 not be nemed. þat is be my two lawes .
 bot to hur schendschip . when j schal say in
 my dome go 3e cursed wrecches fro me . in
 to þe fire of helle . to be tourmentid w^t de
 uelus in <exp>helle</exp> . <mrg>peyne</mrg> w^t-out end . þen schul gode
 men and wymen þe which lifeden here
 mekely aftur *cristus* biddynge take gret worship
 of god . For he schal for3ete þen to haue any
 mynde of synne þat þei haue amendid hem
 of w^t verrey contricyon . þat is . sore forþⁱin
 kyng þat þei haue synned a3ein the will
 of god . for in his dome he schal gedur his
 frendus to him w^t gret ioy to come to heuen .
 wher-inne þei schun be glorified in body &
 soule w^t alle ioyful bri3tnes to wonne w^t
 him þat þei *serued* in ioy and blys w^t-out
 end . And þis schal euery mon and womon
 be siker to hafe þ^t here betyme wol forsake
 hur synne and fully set hur trust in god .
 And þerfor forsakyng myn synne . j hope þ^t non
 part . Our lorde is part of my heritage . and
 of my chalis þ^u+art þat schal restore my he
 ritage to me . Our lord of heuen is part .
 þat is he is porcyon of ri3twise men her~
 per whom alle men and wymen þ^t schun
 be saued schun be eyres in heuen blis .
 wiccod cheson hom aftur hur loue ande
 hur lustus diuerse partis . Summe men cheson
 hom riches for hur part . Summe strengþe .
 summe lewte . iche mon þ^t þing he loueþ
 best chesip to his part But *crist* and alle his
 trwe folowers in mekenes . haue fullye
 chosen god þe fadur of heuen to hur parte
 for he is my3ti and wilful to depart end
 les ioye to alle þat sechen hit here de
 uoutlye w^t leuyng of synne . and he is

part of my chalis . þ^t is he is cuppe of
 alle my delite & my ioy to þenk on . For alle
 lustus of my flesch and oþer wilful stirynges
 bene slekked in me in deuout þenkyng in
 the passion of our lorde ihesu crist . worldely
 <fol. 24va>men drinken of the dric of the worlde trou
 bled delites of couetise and venomous lustus of
 lecherye þ^t sone deceyfes hom and þrowes hom
 to helle . But crist and his halowus schun drin
 ke delite of heuenly ioy . the which þe fadur of
 heuen burlip pleynteuslye to vche mon aftur
 þat he had loued him in keping of his coman
 dement³ for he schal restore to his true louers
 the heritage of heuen . þat þei left in Adam
 and þerfore j hope . <lat></lat>

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St-ryngus fellen to me in ful clere þinges
 forwhi my heritage is ful clere to me ¶
 her~ the prophet spekeþ of crist and of his mem
 bris to whom strengus fellen . þ^t is trupes
 of boþe þe lawes of god . þe which as euen
 stringus or lynes leden men to heuen . forþi
 prustus schulde not faile . to drawe the puple
 w^t stringes of the holy lore and conuersaconn
 lasting of gode ensanple to holy and vertu
 es lifinge . And if prustus don not this . bot
 bene proude of hur power . and coueitous of
 worldely godes and bowen away fro the
 lawe of god . Mi wille is not in hom seiþ god
 ne j schal not take sacrifice of hur honde .
 For how schulde the wille of god be w^t
 hom þ^t bene aboute in alle wiccod wille &
 vicyous lifing and euel ensanple to destroye
 the heritage of crist dere bo3t w^t his hert
 blode for loue he had þerto . And 3it is louers
 in whom he is gretly plesid . he makeþ to
 seme to hom þ^t lifen aftur þo desires of þ^e
 flesche loþ and outkastingus and 3it þei ben
 to hem ful bry3t and faire . And forþi seiþ

criste . <lat></lat>

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<lat></lat> J schal blesse the

lorde þ^t 3af me vndurstondyng and ouer þ^t

to þ^e ny3t my kidneres blamed me ¶ lo

what loue crⁱst schewed to his folowers

saying to his fadur J schal preyse þ^e . þat

has 3ifen vndurstondyng to my *seruantus*

per the which my heritage in heuen schal

be fulfilt . and J schal se my louers and

þei me . & J schal gouerne hom at my wille

fedyng w^t my si3t in endles ioie . For my

<fol. 24vb>fadur haþ graunted to me . that my louers be one

in me . as he . and J bene on . For as he and J bene

vndepartable in the godhed . so bene J and þei in

loue . and ouer þis my kidneres þ^t is . þe iewes of

whos kynde J toke flesch blamed me w^t w^onge

in temptacyons and diuerse peynes . to þ^e ny3t .

þ^t is to þ^e deþ . þei mysseyd me and sclaundirde

me and J grucched not for J left not þerfor to

do my fadur wille . And also our kidneres . þ^t is

our~ fleschly delites makeþ vs worþi blamyng

to þe deþ . for our~ wittus and our þo3tus bene so

redy to euel fro our 3ouþe . þ^t synne leueþ vs no

tyme of þis lif . forþi we bene mucche holden

to god 3if he suffres vs here no tyme w^to^t pu

nysching . And for my wille is euur to kepe paci

ens in aduersites <lat></lat>

<lat></lat>

J purueyde our lord euer in my sy3t . for he is at my

ri3t+honde þat J be not stired . ¶ Purueid god *per*

whom vche mon lasteþ in godenes . jn my si3t

þ^t is my mynde J loked to him boþe in tribula

cyon and welþ . For when J entierly haue mynde

of him J am nouþer hie3ed in pride ne in vayn

glorye . for no preising of men ne welþ of the

worlde ne lawe3ed in grucching for no disese

þ^t mai come . for J for3ete not god . þat is euer

lastyng to sett my entent on failing þinges of

the worlde . For J festened myn entent stabu
 ly to him so þat he is my si3t in eche temptacoun
 for he mai not be ouercomen w^t synne . þat
 bisely w^t þ^e ei3e of his soule biholding on god
 For he is at the ry3t+hond of me . þat J be not
 stired þ^t is he helpiþ me in myn entent . þ^t hit
 be stabiled in him . and þen non euel þing may
 haue maistrye ouer me . ne in me . And . <lat></lat>

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<lat></lat> þerfor gladid
 is my hert and my tong ioyed . ouer þat my flesch
 schal reste in hope . ¶ This is ful ioy when a
 mon conceyueþ þe blis of heuen . in his hert
 and schewiþ hit w^t preising of god w^t is mouþ .
 For he schal not faile to haue knowynge .
 what is to do to godis plesing . and ouer þ^t ioye
 þ^t my+hert conceyueþ and my mouþ schewiþ .
 my flesch schal reste in hope of vprising to receyf
 <fol. 25ra>of god euer-lastyng ioy And rest in heuen .