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<Text: Carthusian form of confession>

<fol. 135v>A compendius forme of
 dayly confessions

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<lat></lat> / Specyally J haske god mercy that
 J haue not kepytt his commaundmentes / and þe counsellis
 of þe gospels / nott lowyd hym / dred hym / &
 wirschippyd hym / as J awght to do / w^t my hole hart
 mynde and wyll and strengthes w^t body and sawle
 aboue all creaturs / nott thankyd hym of his benefettes
 / and þe grace that he hays gyffyn vnto me / as
 J schulde haue doyn ¶ Also that J haue nott luffyd
 my bretherus and myn ewyn-crystyn~ dewly
 after þe order of charite ¶ Also that J haue not kepyd
 the statutes of oure order specyally þe hede woves
 of religion Jn forsakyn myn awne wyll be
 true obedience / Slayn chastyte / & wyllfull pouerte
 w^t all other obseruaunce of þe order as syght / sylence /
 and cell / þe stall and bell / Inclinacons / veneis &
 prostracyons / nor byn so obedient to my sowerayns
 and my bretherne as schuld be / nor to thayr~
 concellys / and techynges / nor sufferd thayme pacyently
 for goddes sake ¶ Also in þe vij dedly synnys
 and in þe branches of thayme / First of pride J haue
 <fol. 136r>exaltid my-selffe in þe guddes of grace / forton and nature
 & reputyd my-selffe aboue myn astate and
 vertu / and styrrynges of wayne-glorie / and of all
 other spices of pride J aske god mercy Jn ire and Enuy
 not so charitabyll and sufferante as J schuld be & c~
 Also in Couates J haue hayd dysordynate luff to warldly
 guddes and honors & c~ ¶ Jn glotony J haue nott

keyd so dew tyme and messure in etyng~ and drynkyng~
 bot foloyng my carnall sensualite w^t more delectacyon
 and excesse than J aught to do / J aske god
 mercy / Jn sclawthe þ^e seruice of god & oure lady J haue
 hard / sayd / songyn / necligently & vndewowtly / and
 mayd mony defawtes / And my mynd and hart ofte
 tymes w^t-drawyn ther fro by ymaginacyons of vice
 and wanyte & c~ / Also vyle styrrynges of lechery / vncleyn
 thoghtes and delectacyons that J haue nott laburet
 agayns so sone and perfytly as J aught to do /
 J aske god mercy & c~ ¶ The vij warkes of mercy bodely
 and gostly after my <decoration> power &
 <fol. 136v>astate J haue nott fulfyllyd specyally nott occupied
 my tyme in prayer . meditacyon lecture and
 gud operacyon as J myght haue doyn J aske god
 mercy ¶ The vij sacramentes of holy church J haue not
 reuerently mynistryt and receywyd J aske god
 mercy / & c~ / And specyally at masse not treyting~
 that holy sacrament w^t so gret dewoycyon / dred and
 reuerence / nor prayed so dewoytly for oure founders
 frendys and benefactors / and all other wyke and dede
 as J aught to do / J aske god mercy / & c~ / And of all forgettyn
 synnys / and forgettyn penaunce J aske god
 mercy / ¶ And wher~ J haue offendyd in any artikyll
 of þe faythe of holy church J aske god mercy / Also
 my v wyttes þ^t J haue myspendyd / And of all
 ydyll wordes þ^t J haue spokyn or sylence brokyn~
 lesse or more at vnconyent tyme & place w^t
 bretherus or seculers / & c~ / J aske god mercy / Off
 these and of all other / as farre as god knawys me
 gyltye J knawe my-selffe gylty / and J aske
 god mercy <decoration> oure lady sanct
 <fol. 137r>mary and all þe cowrte of hewyn / <lat></lat>
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<lat>**Alia nota de confessione**</lat>

After the sayng~ of sanct Bernarde and other
 holy doctors When any man vsyth to confesse dayly
 or ofte tymes he schulde nott make a longe confession
 bott schort of syche as hys conscience is
 most grewyd w^t / And first of dydly synnys / &
 thoo that he is in dowl / Whether they be dedly or
 weniall / & secundly of suche wenyall syns in
 generall þ^t can nott well be expressyd specyally / as
 thes be / ydyll wordes / vane thoghtes / necligence /
 dulnes in redyng~ or prayng~ / losse / of tyme /
 distraccyon of hart or waueryng~ mynd in sayng~
 his seruice or other prayers vnthankfull_{nes}
 <fol. 137v>of the gudnes of god / more besy for þe body then nede
 +ware / lyght turbacyons agayns hys neghtbure /
 lyght Juchyng of other men / lyght suspicyon / to be
 nott content w^t all that god dothe / And nott to vse þ^e
 grace and gyftes þ^t god hathe gyffyn hym / W^t other suche
 that can not be flede / and well forborne / of a febyll
 and a wake sawle / When it suffers suche agayns
 it wyll / thay are bott lyght veniall / Neuer lesse
 thay wolde be confessyd in generall / & c~ /