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<Text: Mirk's Instructions for Parish Priests>

<fol. 241r>With light attire the auter~
loke alway hit brenne cler~
loke it brenne in al wise
til thu haue donn þ^t holy *seruise*
thi bred shal be of whet flour
J-made of past that ^[is] not *sour*
rounde & hole thu loke it well
loke thi wyn be not eysell
pour~ water in-to the wyn@
als thu kanst wel a fyn@
sey the wordes of that *seruise*
deuotely atrete w^t good deuise
saf kut not the wordes tayl
but sey hem wel outen fail
sey hem so w^t word & thought
In none other thyng þ^u thenk nought
But al thyn hert & thyn entent
be fully on the sacrament
Jf it be-falle as god it sheld
that thu of wit be so weld
that bred or wyn be away
consecracon~ when þ^u shalt say
when the be-falleth that cas
lay bred on the corporas
and thogh þ^u forth j-passed be
be-gynne a-gayn at <lat>qui *pridie*</lat>
Jf wyn & water be bothe a-way
pour~ yn bothe w^t-oute delay
and *turne* a-gayn as J the kenne

and <lat>Simili modo</lat> sey þ^u thenne
 <fol. 241v> If thu haue water & no wyn@
 anon@ right thu do it yn
 and be-gynne as J the taught
 at <lat>Simili modo</lat> evyn straught
 and thu ^[be] ny the ende
 Jf soche mende god the sende
 thogh thu haue wyn & no water
 thu poure it yn neuer the later
 and be-gynne <lat>oremus preceptis salutaribus</lat>
 Jf Stoole the waitte or Fanoun
 when thu art in the canoun
 passe forth w^t-oute retorne
 but that thu most rewe yerne
 Jf bloody droppes by any cas
 falle vpponn the corperas
 soke it vp a-none right
 and be as sori as thu myght
 thi corperas after fair~ thu folde
 a-monge the relikes to be holde
 on other thyng if hit falle
 on vestyment or yn palle
 a-way thu most that pece kutte
 and brent a-monge þ^e relikes it putte
 Jf it falle on other what
 table or ston or on mat
 kut it clene þ^{er} as hit shed
 and shaue it after þ^{er} as it bled
 do the shauyng for to brenne
 a-monge the relikes put it thenne
 Jf ani quatte flye or coppe
 doun~ in-to the chaleys droppe
 Jf thu ther~ for castyng there
 vse it forth al J-fere
 <fol. 242r>and if thyn herte do w^t-stonde
 tak vp the felthe w^t thy honde
 and ouer the chales waishe it well
 twyes or thryes as J the tell
 and vse forth the blode thenne



and do the felthe for to brenne
More yet do thu most
euery sonday change thi ost
Brede haue thu as þ^u may
to *euery* seke j-nogh ay
<lat></lat>
yet lerne her after nowē
and lerne it wel for þⁱ prowē
that is j-wrete her~ after nowē
when thu shalt to þ^e seke gon@
Spede the fast and a-non@
for & thu tarie þ^u dost a-mys
thu shalt *acquit* the sawle j-wis
when thu shalt to þ^e seke gon@
a clene Serplis cast the on@
take þⁱ stoole w^t the right
& do thyn hode ouer thi sight
bere thyn ost a-gaynst thi brest
In a boxe that is honest
make thy clerk to-fore the gon@
to bere light & belle al-son~
On thy power thu haue mynne
thu myght hy soyle of alle synne
In *perel* of deth thu hast power
of alle synnes to assoyle hym clere
but if the seke *turne* to lyf
of that same he most be shryf
<fol. 242v>and his penance take newe
for no thyng that that eschewe
and Spare thu for no lette
to aske of hym of his dette
aske of hym whether h^t be moche or lite
charge hym strong that he it quyte
and if his good to lite be
for to quyte that oweth he
charge hym thenne w^t herte lowe
to aske *mercy* of the owe
And yet þ^u most lerne þ^s eke
of a man that is ful seke

yf he send hastily to hym ryde
 for longer may he not a-byde
 and he by Signe houslyf fonde
 and his speche a-way is gonde
 nertheles thu shalt hym assoyle
 yef hym houslyf & holy oyle
 But when thu hast a seke man þ^t shrev<en?>
 and thu se he may not lyven@
 other penance þ^u shalt not geven
 but the seknesse that he is yn
 Joyne that seknesse & that sore
 to-fore god to ben his ore
 And if he aske his sauour~
 gef hit hym w^t gret honour~
 but if he be so seke w^t-ynne
 þ^t of castyng he may not blynne
 he shal not then his houslyng take
 for vomysment & castyng sake
 and preche hym wel w^t thy spel
 that god assoyles his hert wel
 <fol. 243r>And for he wold if he myght
 god hym taketh to his right
 but when þ^u art to chersch went
 do vp then the sacrament
 that hit be syker in euery way
 so that no beest it tweche may
 and hit be yete w^t wormes or rat
 der~ thu most a-bye that
 xl dayes in penaunce
 thu shalt be for that myschaunce
 Jf any crome of hit be lost
 fast seche hit thu most
 jf thu fynde hit ne myght
 xxx dayes thu rewe it right
 and if thu be so vnwise
 that thu synge by malice
 w^t-oute water & light al-so
 & wel þ^u wost þ^e wanteth to
 thu shalt thenne for-go þⁱ song



and wepe & wayle euer among
til the bisshop of his ore
to thy song the restore
Now der~ prest J pray the
for goddes loue pray for me
mor~ J pray that me myng
In thy masse when þ^u dost syng
and yet pray the der~ broder
reed this ofte & so let other
hyde hit not in hody-mukke
let other moe rede this boke
<fol. 243v>the moe ther ynne doth rede & lerne
the more to mede hit shal turne
hit is J-made hym to showe
that haue no bokes of her~ owe
And other that ben~ of mene lore
and wolde fayn konne more
And thu ther-yn lernest most
thenk ofte yn the holy gost
that geveth wyt to euery man
to do the good that he kan
And by his trauel & his dede
geveth hym hevene to his mede
The mede & joye of heuene light
god vs graunte for his myght