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### <Tranche 1>

<fol. 30v><line 25>SEynt patric com þor3 godis *grace* . to *prechi* in yrlonde .

To teche 3em þe Ri3te bileue . of *ihesu crist* vndirstonde

So ful of wormis þe londe he fonde . þ<sup>t</sup> no+man ne+mi3te+gon .

In sum stede vor wormis . þ<sup>t</sup> he nas ywemmyd anon .

S . patric bad oure louird *crist* y<sup>t</sup> þe+londe deliurid were

Of þulke voule wormis . þ<sup>t</sup> none ne come þere .

Our~ louyrd yhurde is bone anon þer ne+mi3t neuer+eft come .

No voul worme in yrlonde . þ<sup>t</sup> is lif nas bynome .

Eche tre þ<sup>t</sup> in+þe londe greuþ . & erþe of þe lond also .

Ne suffriþ no venym in no stede . ney hym be ydo .

No voul worme ne comiþ . þer nei þ<sup>t</sup> nis anon lif-les .

Bote a+lute sschort euet . & 3itt he is tailles .

¶ Moche clannesse & moche god . wo so doþ ym vndirstonde .

Vor þe loue of seynt patric . our~ louird dede in þe londe .

¶ A+god+man-is sschep *yer* was ystole . to s . patric com tidinge .

He het wo 3em hadde ynome . a3en sscholde bringe .

<fol. 31r>Þis gode+man het at chu.<sup>[r]</sup>che so ofte . a3en ne com hit no3t .

In+an heie daye as al þ<sup>t</sup> volke . to churche was ybro3t .

¶ Seynt patric het 3uf in þe churche . eny mossel were .

Of þe sschep þ<sup>t</sup> it sscholde blete . amonge hom alle þere .

þo bygant it to+blete in is wombe . y<sup>t</sup> þe sschep hadde ystole .

Amonge alle men þ<sup>t</sup> it ne mi3te . no lengore be yhole .

¶ Sore was þe þef of sschamid . vor men þ<sup>t</sup> hym yknewe .

He was yknewe & mercy bad . & by-com god+man & trewe .

¶ Seynt patric onourid eueriche croi3 . þ<sup>t</sup> he seie owar stonde .

A+day as he wende aboute . prechinge in+þe londe .

A+croi3 þere stod þ<sup>t</sup> men yseie . ac he ysei is no3t .

þere-vore he aloutid no3t *yerto* . men wondrid+in+3are þo3t .

And esschte wy he nolde aloute . to þe croize by hym þere .  
 þis holy man by-held aboute . & esschte war~ he ware .  
 ¶ He ne mi3te þe croi3 no3t ise . in+gret þo3t he stod .  
 Gret wonder hadde þ<sup>t</sup> volk . þo & wende þ<sup>t</sup> he wer~ wod .  
 ¶ þo sede þar a+uois vndir þ+erþe . ne mis-þenche 3e no3t .  
 þe3 þe holy man ne se þe croize . ne wondri 3e Ri3t no3t .  
 vor it is vor myne sunnys . þ<sup>t</sup> myne bonis liggeþ here .  
 As i<sup>c</sup> was yburid . & wiþ ou speke . þis holy man to skere .  
 ¶ Sarasins wyle i<sup>c</sup> was an+erþe . in helle my soule is  
 Vor myne bonys buþ so neie þe croize . hene si3te is no3t+ywis  
 Al in+prechinge þis holy man þe *contrarie* out so3t .  
 A wilde stede al bar~ he+fonde . þ<sup>t</sup> no frut vorþ bro3te .  
 ¶ þey me sewe oþir sette þer ne com noþinge vorþ þere .  
*Seint* . patric bad 3erne oure louird . enchesoun wy it wer~ .  
 ¶ In þ+erþe he made . a+cercle al aboute .  
 þer by-com a+put swyþe dep . þ<sup>t</sup> men hadde of gret doute  
 þis gode+man nuste wat it was . ac an angel him sede .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> þer was a+put of *purgatorie* . þ<sup>t</sup> eche man mi3te of drede .  
 somme soulis were inne ydo . hore synnys vor to bete .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> hij ne+bette here an+erþe . ar hij þ<sup>t</sup> lif lete .  
 & wer~ a+man quic oþ~ ded ar he þer-in come .  
 He ne sscholde oþir~ *purgatorie* habbe ar þe day of dome .  
 Ac aftir he sscholde to heuene . 3if he were god iwende .  
 & as god 3uf he luþer were . to helle at+ten+ende .  
 Oure louerd tok seynt patric þan staf . is owe honde  
 þ<sup>t</sup> he wiþ þilke staf vonde *purgatorie* yherd be is sonde .  
 ¶ In yrlonde is 3itt ywiste þilke staf wiþ nobleie yno3 .  
 And vor Riche Relic yholde ellis it wer~ wo3 .  
 <fol. 31v>Seynt patric in þulke stede . as þis *purgatorie* is .  
 Of Religioun by-gan an hous . þ<sup>t</sup> stondiþ 3itt ywis  
 Canounys þerinne 3e made . as 3itt buþ al so .  
 þane put he let close wel vaste . þ<sup>t</sup> no+man com þer to .  
 ¶ In churche 3arde is þilke put ri3t toward þe hest side  
 Euene fram þe heie weind<?> as men sechiþ wyde .  
 J-wallid he is vaste aboute . & vaste yloke þ<sup>t</sup> 3at .  
 And þe priour wardiþ þe keye . þ<sup>t</sup> no+man / ne com in þer at .  
 Al by seint patric-is day men wende inne ylome .  
 And supþe also many+on . ac vewe oppe a3en þer come .  
 Ac þulke þ<sup>t</sup> come a3en . of þ<sup>t</sup> hij seie hij tolde .

as it is in þe hous ywrete . & priuelege yholde .  
 þe maner is of eche man . þ<sup>t</sup> wolde þer-inne wende .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> it be vor bete is sunne . 3if our~ louird wole *grace* sende .  
 To þe busschop of þe+londe he sschal hym verst sschriue .  
 And bidde leue to do þan wey . to amendement of is liue .  
 Ac þe busschop hym radde þar~ a3en . & resouns hym wole sshewe .  
 And seggiþ þ<sup>t</sup> many þudir~ wendeþ . & comiþ a3en vewe .  
 ¶ Ac 3uf he is stable in is þo3t . vor al þ<sup>t</sup> he haþ ybede .  
 þe bisschop wole is lectris make to+þe prior of þe stede .  
 þe prior hym wole eke Rede yno3 . vor to changi is þo3t .  
 Ac wan he is stedeuast . þ<sup>t</sup> he it nele bileue no3t .  
 ¶ wiþ gret procession of prestis . to þe put he+worþ ybro3t .  
 Ac 3if me ne may þe 3ut . <exp>is</exp> vor noþinge changi is þo3t .  
 wiþ croize & wiþ holi water . hij wollip hym blessi echon .  
 Hym-sulf he sschal hym blesci eke . & a+godis name in+gon .  
 ¶ Into þe churche hij wollip hym lede . & sette hym a+kne .  
 And þere he sschal in is orisouns . viftene dawes be .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> processiouun sschal terne a3e as Ri3t is to done .  
 Amorwe þulke tyme daies þudir come eft sone .  
 ¶ And bote he be þan ycome myd gret doel & sore .  
 Hij terniþ a3en & siker buþ . þ<sup>t</sup> he comiþ vppe na more  
 ¶ Hit by-uille by steuene kyng-is day . þ<sup>t</sup> now lat was .  
 Of a+kny3t þ<sup>t</sup> het oweyn . a+wel wondir cas .  
 To+þe bisschop to sschriue oweyn þe kny3t com .  
 & gret penance vor is sunne . & doel & sorwe ynom  
 ¶ Þe bisschop by-gan to chide hym vaste of þ<sup>t</sup> he hadde mysdo .  
 And sede þ<sup>t</sup> he was man worst . vor to synwy so .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> me ne+mi3t do hym so moche wo þ<sup>t</sup> he nere worþi more  
 þis kny3t sat wiþ doulful hert . & wep wel swyþe sore .  
 <fol. 32r>wan icch+am man worst . & man worst habbe ydo .  
 And to sunne þ<sup>t</sup> grettist is mest penance mot þer-to .  
 wan i<sup>c</sup> amonge alle men . mest sunful am alas .  
 þe strengust penance ichulle take þ<sup>t</sup> euer~ yfounde was .  
 Jchulle take to godis grace & in is name wende .  
 In s. patric-is purgatorie . sende wat he me sende .  
 ¶ Beau frere quap þe bisschop be stille wy seystu so .  
 Crist it vor-bede . þ<sup>t</sup> neuere such foly þ<sup>u</sup> ne do .  
 Vnneþe <exp>þer</exp> eny þer comiþ a3en . of hom þ<sup>t</sup> doþ þudir wende .  
 Nold god þ<sup>t</sup> þ<sup>u</sup> so dudist . body & soule to sschende .

Ac wende into Religioun . & bilef þer~ þi lif+is ende .  
 And þ<sup>u</sup> sschalt þine sunnys bete . as god wole *grace* sende .  
 ¶ Certis sir~ quap þis kny3t . þ<sup>u</sup> mi3t as wel be stille .  
 Ichulle þulke dede do . god by me is wille .  
 Vor so moche as ich habbe of seruid . y+ne+mi3te habbe of wo .  
 þer-vor sey wat i<sup>c</sup> sschal do . vor sikir ichulle it go .  
 ¶ þe bisschop hym prechede vaste . vor to changi is þo3t .  
 Ac atte laste þo he ysey . þ<sup>t</sup> al it was vor no3t .  
 To þe prior of þe stede is lettris made sone .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> he sscholde by hym do . as such a+man was to done .  
 ¶ Þe pr<sup>i</sup>our prechede vaste . & sede hym Resouns ynowe .  
 3if he mi3te changi is þo3t . þ<sup>t</sup> he hym wiþ-drowe .  
 Ac is preching was vor no3t . as he seie atte nende .  
 He nolde bileue vor nopinge . þe perilous wey to wende .  
 ¶ þe prior hym nom by þe honde . & to þe churche hym bro3te .  
 þer~inne he vil adoun a+kne . & our~ louerdis *grace* byso3te .  
 In vastingis & in orisouns . vourteni3t he lay .  
 To bidde our~ swete louirdis *grace* . & þan vifteþe day .

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 107v><line 27>SEint martin was ybore in+þe londe of sabarie .  
 wel 3onge he was ynorssched in þe londe of papie .  
 An hei kni3t is maister was . & al maister of þe uerde  
 In constantines hous þe Amperour . & alle+is hoste he sterde  
 To churche þo+he was twelf 3er olde . wel stilliche he wende .  
 Bihet oure louird cristin to be . wan he þan time sende  
 ¶ Þe Amperour het into alle is londe . þ<sup>t</sup> eche olde kni3t .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> is sone sscholde in batail vor is vadir vi3te .  
 So þ<sup>t</sup> seint martin nas . bote viftene 3ere .  
 þo he þe armis vor is vadir . in bataile bere .  
 ¶ A winter as þis child rod bi+þe wei alone .  
 a+pour+man he met al nakid . & sore vor chile grone .  
 Seint Martin held out is swerd . as we findeþ in boke  
 Js mantel he carfe half atwo . þis poure+man he betoke .  
 <fol. 108r>Ase he bi-helde sone aftir-ward . to heuene vp an heie .  
 wiþ his halue mantel yhelud . louird crist he seie .  
 Lo he sede to is angelus . þis ne worþe me bireuid .  
 Martin þ<sup>t</sup> is heþene 3ut . her-wiþ me haþ yweuid .

¶ Po *seint* Martin þis yhurde . glad ne bliþe neuer~ he nas .  
 ar he ycristinde wer~ þ<sup>t</sup> e3tetene 3er hold he was .  
 ¶ Hit biuel of a+gret bataile . þ<sup>t</sup> þe Amperour~ hadde ynome .  
 He het al is kin3tes clene . sone to him come .  
 Po martin sede ich+am godis kin3t . & so ichabbe ybe longe .  
 Non oþer armis bote his . i+nelle neuer~ Auonge .  
 ¶ Ey coward quap þe Amperour . nou þ<sup>u</sup> sparist vor fere .  
 To fi3te wiþ þine felawes . as þi ri3te wer~ .  
 Alone biuore þine oft Amperour~ . ichulle to bataile .  
 Mi louirdis mi3te þ<sup>u</sup> sschalt þer yse . vor he me nel no3t faile .  
 ¶ Po þis verde al 3ar~ was . *seint* martin wende anon .  
 Vn-armede & is swerd adrawe . Amonge al is fon .  
 Po þ<sup>t</sup> he amonge hom com . þer nas of hom n<gap in ms>3t on .  
 Þ<sup>t</sup> mi3te more hebbe vp is honde . þan þe dede ston .  
 ¶ Þe maistrie hij 3olde him vp anon . bote þ<sup>t</sup> he hom let Aliue .  
 Seint martin cluped is felawes . & bad hom come bliue .  
 Amperour þ<sup>u</sup> hast þine fon awonne . þonke god & no3t me .  
 Haue god dai vor y+nelle nou na more serui þe .  
 ¶ Of þe busschop hillar~ he was acolite . & dude al bi is r~de .  
 Our~ louird to him com ani3t . & þes wordes sede .  
 Jchote martin þ<sup>t</sup> þou go . wel ofte amonge þi kunne .  
 Spoke wiþ hom 3uf þ<sup>u</sup> mi3te . þe bet hom wite fram sunne  
 ¶ Pis gode+man as our~ louird . him het toward is kunne wende  
 Bi+þe wei he mette outlawes . sone hore bowe hij bende .  
 Sone þis gode+man hij nome . & made him manie wonde .  
 Vorþ hij ladde him to sle . his honden vaste ybounde .  
 Þe outlawes him esschte . ware he wer~ euer~ so adrad .  
 ¶ Certis quap þis holi man . so siker nas i<sup>c</sup> neuere .  
 Vor mi louirdis helpe nis nowar so nei . as he is *in* car~ .  
 So moche is min hope þer-to . þ<sup>t</sup> *men* reche hou i<sup>c</sup> fare .  
 Of ihesu crist he tolde þo . wiþ hom þ<sup>t</sup> him nome .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> hij him lete go al sauf . & cristine bcome .  
 ¶ Pis gode+man 3eode vorþ alone . & þe deuil a3en him com .  
 Jn vair~ maner~ he esschte at him woder þan wei he nom .  
 Jchulle go quap þis gode+man . as mi louird wole lede me  
 wodir þou go þe oþer sede . þe deuil wole ben a3en þe .  
 <fol. 108v>¶ 3e quap þis gode+man þ<sup>u</sup> moste mid him al-so .  
 Vor wan mi louird is min help . y+ne reche wat 3e do .  
 þis gode+man 3eode amonge is frendis . is modir cristin he made .

Js fadir nolde cristine be . vor al þ<sup>t</sup> he him bade .  
 Seint martin vonde A+3onge man ded . þ<sup>t</sup> swiþe wel wiþ *him* was .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> bileued on our~ louird vor him . ac ycristind he nas .  
 Po gan seint Martin bidde vor him . & he aros fram deþe to liue .  
 Martin he sede þherid be þou . & our~ louirdis wondis viue .  
 ¶ Mi soule was to helle ylad . as alle buþ of our~ kunde .  
 Ac twei anges þor3 godis *grace* . of me hadde munde .  
 And sede our~ louird þ<sup>t</sup> ichadde . þi diciple ibe .  
 Par vore our~ louird dude . is grace . vor honour~ of þe .  
 He let mi soule to mi bodi . vorþ þi loue hidir bringe .  
 Cristindom *pur*+charite . ich bidde auore alle þinge .  
 ¶ Þet volke nom seint martin . supþe vor he was so god .  
 And made him busschop of toroine . muche a3en is mod .  
 Two mile <ill><smudged; 1 word></ill> wiþoute þe cite . an abbei he let rere .  
 Vour~ score monkis of gode liue . he let sette<?> þere .  
 In so holi lif he was þ<sup>t</sup> he badde to is hefte .  
 Fur & tre and wormis eke . & þe kunde of voul & beste .  
 ¶ Fur wolde is heste do vor an time an hous brende .  
 Þor3 stronge winde þ<sup>t</sup> bleu fur . to *seint* . martines hous wende .  
 Ar þis gode+man it vndir3et . ybarned it hadde on ende  
 Seint Martin het a+godis name . þ<sup>t</sup> fur a3en wende .  
 It dude a3en þe kunde of fur . a3en þe wind to fle  
 þere me ysei þ<sup>t</sup> fur ne mite . a3en is heste be .  
 ¶ Adai as vndir a+tre . he prechid godis lawe .  
 Þe luper men þ<sup>t</sup> þer bi-stode . þo3te him bringe of dawe .  
 Hij gunne sawi a+tre . toward þis holi manne .  
 Þ<sup>t</sup> him of falle sscholde . frende nadde he nanne .  
 Þo þis tre vallinge was . he het him a3en terne .  
 þis tre aros him vp anon . is heste he nolde werne  
 And ouir felle in+þe oþer halfe . mani of is fon .  
 Hij þ<sup>t</sup> ascapid þo let him cristin~ anon .  
 ¶ A+grisliche neddr~a3en him com . & bad him a3en wende  
 þ<sup>t</sup> þ<sup>u</sup> neuer reste here ne come nowar in þis ende .  
 <ill><1 word></ill> worme him turnede anon a3en . as þis holi man *him* het .  
 and swarme<?> vaste into þe oyer londe & þulke *contri* vor-let .  
 ¶ Voules dude is heste al-so<?> . vor al so he gan gon .  
 He sey a bryde cache a fyssche & swolwe him anon .  
 <fol. 109r>¶ Alas þ<sup>t</sup> þinge þat <exp>þinge</exp> none harme dep . bote wende *in* pes to be  
 so awaitiþ þe deuil euer~ . vorte he is prei yse .



Þe voules he het a+godis+name . echone þanne te .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> hij sscholde in wildirnesse out of þe watir fle .  
 þ<sup>t</sup> hij þere neuirefte ne come . gulteles þinges to take .  
 Þis voules nom mid þis word . awei gunne sschake .  
 ¶ Bestes dude also is heste . vor as he wende aboute .  
 Ho ysei aftir an har~ erne . grehondes a+gret route .  
 a-wei he sede þis seli best . þ<sup>t</sup> noþinge deþ amis .  
 þes foule hondes it wole to-drawe . gulteles as it is .  
 Jch hote þ<sup>t</sup> 3eo terne . hij gunne stonde stille .  
 And turnede eche in is wai . to do *seint* . Martines wille .  
 ¶ A+wode+cou rane a+londe ~~wile~~ . a+stronge sscherewe ~~as~~ 3e was .  
 A3en seint martin 3eo com+erne . as god 3ef þ<sup>t</sup> cas .  
 Seint Martin bad hir~ stonde stille . & 3eo gan abide .  
 He sei þen deuil . vp þe bestis rigge ride .  
 ¶ A corside þinge þou wende awai . ne com nei hir~ na more  
 Þe sschrewe wende anon awei . wepinde wel sore .  
 Þe cou wende to *seint* . Martin . & to is fet vel anon .  
 And sschok hir~ heuid to þonki him . as men yseie echon .  
 ¶ A+dai as þis gode+man . sat alone in is celle .  
 Js priue men hurde him wiþoute wel loude telle .  
 þo þis gode+man out com . hij vel adoun a+kne .  
 And esschte wat þe speche wer~ . þ<sup>t</sup> wiþ him hadde ybe .  
 It was our~ leuedi & *seint* . Anneis . petir & poul also .  
 Of ioie of heuene hij speke wiþ me . vor ofte hij doþ so .  
 ¶ Seint martin at paris . an mesel . mette bi cas .  
 He custe him & anon . þe musel hol man was .  
 ¶ In wel pour~ wede a+dai . he rod out vppe an asse .  
 Hei men he mette bi þe wei . þ<sup>t</sup> tolde of him þe lasse .  
 Hore hors wer~ of him adrad . vor is pour~ cloþe .  
 And felde hom adoun & ourne abache hij wer~ þer-vore wroþe  
 Hij sturte vp & nom þis holi man . & bete him wel sore .