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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 162r><space for initial>ode me~ & wymme~ suche a day . N . 3e schul haue seynt Ma
 theus day þ^t was goddus holy apostole & euangelist wher
 fore 3e schul fast his euen & come to chirche on þe morwe
 & worschepe god & his holy apostle . þenne schul 3e knowe
 wel þ^t þis holy apostle seynt Mathew is comended in al
 holy chirche for foure holy *vertus* þ^t 3 he had . he was obedyente
 to crist radly . he fedde *crist* gladly . he *preched* þe gospel
 boldely . & suffred passion~ mekely . / frist he was obedient
 to *crist* radly . for as he sate in a+tol boþe ful bysy to gete
 worldus lykour~ & conded al þerfore . Crist come þ^t wey &
 loked on hi~ & bad hi~ come & sue hi~ . & he anon lafte þe
 alle his skorus & his con@trus & his bokus & sued crist forth
 & had suche a loue to *crist* þ^t he was wondur fayn in his
 hert to for-saken al his good & so to sue *crist* pore & symple .
 Also he fedde *crist* gladly . for þen he *preied* crist . ^[for] to ete
 w^t hym & so made *crist* a gret fest . not of deyntere metus .
 but in fedyng~ of *crist* & of þe grete company þ^t sued *crist* .
 <ill><1 word></ill> he put a-wey non <the two last words marked for inversion with a and b> but
 was glad to fede hem all for
crist sake . for where þ^t *crist* wente gret peple sued hi~ . su~me
 to se þe myraclus þ^t he wrou3t . su~me to be heled of hur~
 syknes . su~me to here~ his *prechyng*~ . summe to haue hur~ lyflod<cropped>
 summe þ^t weren his enemyes to ha~ taken hi~ inn su~ word .
 3if þei my3ten to haue dispysed hi~ þerby . þus when Mathew
 had fed crist . & alle þ^t comen w^t hi~ . *crist* made hi~ on of his
 disciples and 3af hi~ connyng~ to *preche* þe by-leue so þ^t *aftur*
 he *preched* goddus word boldly . & spared neyþer for þreet ne
 for drede of deth . wherfore he was sende to a+cite þ^t

was called Nadaker where he fonde to men þat were
 þe fend al by tau3t . for by nygramanci & jogelory þei du
 den mony þingus þ^t weren wondurful to monnus sy3t . & al
 for men schulden leue~ on hem & 3eue~ hem good & sustey
 nen he~ & don hem~ gret worschip . but when seynt Mathew
 <fol. 162v>come he diskeu^{er}ed al her wychecrafte so þ^t þe peple knewe
 oponly þ^t al was of þe fend þat þey wrou3ten~ w^t . wherfor~
 þei weren so wrothe þ^t by hure craft þei maden~ two dragonus
 grete & ~~orible~~ horrible to spite fir~ & to breþe so foule stencche
 þ^t hit slou3 mony men . þese dragonus þey brou3ten forth
 w^t hem to haue deuoured seynt Mathew . but when seynt
 Mathew herd þis he made a signe of þe cros by-foren
 hi~ . & 3ode a3eynus he~ & a-non þe dragonus fellen don~ dede
 by-foren his fete . þen seyde Mathew to hem 3if 3e haue
 eny my3t reiseth hem a-3eyn to lif . but þey my3ten haue
 no power in his presente . þen seide he . 3if J we^[re] not
 goddus seru^{at}~ J wolde make hem do to 3ou þat 3e had
 purposed to me . but hit is þe techyng~ of our~ maystur alwey
 to do good a3eynus euel . wherfore y bidde 3ou dragonus
 þ^t 3e risen vp & go þidur as 3e schul neuer greue man
 ne best . & so þei reson~ vp & 3oden hur wey . þenne
 seynt Mathew terned hi~ to þe peple þat was gedred
 to þe si3t & preched hem þe joye of peradise & seide how
 þere was euer day & neuur ny3t . þere was euur-lastyng~ 3owþe
 & neuer elde . euer hele and neuur sikenes . song~ & myrthe
 w^t-outen~ sorwe . roosus & flourus w^t-oute~ welewyng~ po
 peiayus & oyer briddus euer syngyng~ loue . reste . & all maner
 likyng . he sayde also þat alle þ^t wolden~ be of cristes bileue
 schulden~ come þidur & haue þis joye w^t-outen ende þus
 he preched goddus wordus boldly . / he suffred all passion~ me
 kely . for as he preched in a cite wikked me~ & token hi~ & bete~
 hi~ ful+sore & aftur putten~ out his ien and casten hi~ in a
 preson~ til þey hadden conseiled what deth he schulde haue
 died on~ but þen com þer an angel to seynt Androw as
 he was prechyng in a far contre fro hi~ & brou3t hi~ ouer þe
 see to þe preson~ þere as Mathew was in . & when he . si3 hi@
 so foule ferd w^t he wepte for rewre of hi~ & preied to
 god for hi~ & so a-non god restored hi~ to his si3t a3eyn~
 <fol. 163r> & þen Androw ladde hi~ out ^[of] þe preson~ & bad hi~ go a-3eyn~

to preche goddus word . & Androw 3ode a3eyn~ to his contre .
 þen as seynt Mathew preched in þe cite of Nadabar . þe
 kyngus sone of þe cite died . wherfore þe kyng send aftur
 Mathew & preied hi~ to reise his sone a3eyn to lyf & so he
 dude . wherfore þe kyng~ & his wyfe & a dou3tur þ^t was
 called Eufenysia token cristendom & feyth & þe more part
 of þe peple . & for he knewe þ^t god had chosen þe kyngus
 dou3tur to be an holy wommon~ he blessed hur~ & 3af hur
 þe veyl of chastite~ & sche was aftur a+kepar of mony oþur
 virgynus / þen died þe kyng hur~ fadur & come a-nopur was
 called hirtacus þ^t loued þis Eufenysia & spake to seynt
 Mathew preying~ hi~ þ^t he wolde helpe þ^t Eufenysia wold
 assente to hi~ & ben his wif for aftur hym sche wolde
 don~ & aftur non~ oþur . þe seide Mathew þ^t my3t not be / for
 sche was wedded to þe kyng~ of heuen & my3t no wey
 breke þat spousehod . þen was þis kyng~ so wroth þat he
 sende men to sle seynt Mathew & so as he had seid his
 masse & stode at þe auterus ende in his deuocionus . þer com
 oon byhynde hi~ . & w^t a swerd slou3 hi~ . þen cristen~ me~ to
 ken his body & burieden~ h^t in þ^t same chirche þen þis
 kyng~ made to sette fir~ on vche side of Eufenysicius hous
 to haue brende hur~ þerin . but þeren seynt Mathew appered
 & turned þe fir~ to þe kyngus palys & brende hit vp al to
 gedur þ^t no þing~ laste saue þe kyng~ þ^t vnneþ+e-skope & a
 3onge child of his w^t hi~ . & þen was þe kyng~ smyten w^t a
 meselry þ^t was so violent to hi~ þ^t for woo þ^t þe had w^t his
 oune swerd he slou3 hi~self . & for he schaped foule dep .
 to oþur hit fel+on hi~self . Now schul 3e knel &c~ <linefiller>
 <fol. 163v><space for initial>Ode men & wymmen suche a+day . N . 3e schul haue seynt
 Michaelus day goddus holy archaungel þe wiche day 3e
 schul come to chirche & worschipe god & his holy archangel .
 þen schul 3e knowe þ^t holy chirche maketh mencion~ þ^t day
 of alle goddus holy angelus for þe Grete<?> help & seruys . þ^t mon
 kynde hath of hem . but specially sche maketh mynde of seynt
 Michael for þre prerogatyuus þ^t he haþ byforen alle oþur for
 he is wondur-ful in apperyng~ . he is marueleng~ in miraculus
 worchyng & victorious in his fi3tyng~ he is wondurful in a
 peryng~ for as seynt Gregori seith when god wol worche eny
 wondurful dede . þen he sendeth forth seynt Michael as

his owne baner~ . & as þou3 her~ bere *cristus* schild & his
 sygne of his armus he hath in his schilde a signe of þe
 cros . wherfore he was sende w^t Moyses & aaron in-to
 egypt to worche þe miraculus þ^t þere were don~ for þou3
 þe seyne were in Moyses . the my3t of þe worching was
 don~ by Michael . also he deperted þe rede see & helde þe
 watur o twynne while þe peple of jrael 3ode þrou3 þe
 see drye-fot . he ladde he~ fourty 3ere in deseert . he brou3t
 hem ouur-fleem jordan & hulde þe watur a3eyn~ so þ^t þe
 watur rebon~ted a3eyn~ like to a gret hull while þe peple
 wenten ouer drye-schod & he brou3t he~ in-to lond of byheest .
 Also he kepeth paradys & taketh in þe soulus þ^t be sende
 þidur . he schal slee antry-*crist* in þe mon~te of olyuete .
 he schal bidde alle þe dede rysen at þe day of dome
 he schal brynge to þe doom~ þe cros of *crist* . þe naylus .
 þe spere . þe crowne of þornus . & ale oþur instrumentus
 of his passion~ to schewe how ry3twisly þei schul be
 dampned þ^t sette nou3t by *crist* passion~ . þus seynt Michael

<Tranche 2>

<fol. 169r><space for initial>Ode men & wyme~ suche a day . N . <ill><1 word></ill> schul haue
 Seynt lucus day . goddus holy euangelist þ^e w^e day
 3e schul come to chirche in worschip of god & his holy
 euangelist þen schul 3e knowe þ^t crist hath foure euan
 gelistus . Mark . Mathew . luk & John@ . þ^e whyche four~
 writen þ^e gospellus þ^t ben *cristus* wordus . for gospel is
 in redy englich goddus spel . þ^t is goddus word . wer
 fore þese four~ writen not only what crist <exp>spake</exp> <add>seyd</add>
 but also what he dude . & what he suffred here
 in erþe for mankynde . For encheson þ^t we & alle
 oþer þ^t weren byforen vs & schul come after vs . schuld
 knowe & wite what *crist* dude . & tau3t in help &
 saluacion~ of monkynde . þen for þese . iiij . euangelistus
 ben likened to four~ dyuers bestus & so ben peynted
 in four~ perties of crist . þ^t is for Mark a lion . for Ma
 thew a mon . for luk a calf . & for John~ an eygull
 herfore mony lewde men & weme~ þ^t þey weren suche
 bestus & not men but þei þ^t so vndurstonde~ þei schul

knowe . <mrg><ill><1 word></ill></mrg> þ^t þei ben likened to þese bestus . for *cristus*
 <exp>doyng</exp> ^[seyyng]
 in þ^e gospel þ^t þei writen was like to þe kynde of
 þese bestus . as þus Mathew he wrot most of *cristus*
 monhed . & þerfore he is likened to a mon . luk he
 wrote most of *cristus* sacrifyse & of his deth & þerfore
 he is likened to a calf . or an ox . for a calf þ^t was
 offred in sacrificise in olde lawe for synne þ^t was toke
 nyng þ^t *crist* schuld come & schulde be offred in sarri
 fise for synne of þe peple in auter of þe cros . Mark
 <fol. 169v>wrot most of *cristus* vprysyng fro deth & þerfore he is
 likened to a lion . for as bokus tellen þe kynde of
 þe lyon is suche þ^t is ^[when þe lyonas hap welpyd] his welþus þre dayus aftur þ^t þei ^[þey lyon dede]
~~ben born þei schulen ligge dede~~ þen on þe þridde
 day þe lyon~ cometh & for he ^[and] sith his whelpus dede
 for sorowe þer-of he maketh such a rinde ^[cryyng] þ^t þe dede ^[þrow hys cryyng]
 welþus ^[he] quykenen ^[his welþus agayn] & so taken lyf . / þus when *crist*
 had leyen ded þre dayus . on þe þridde day þe fadur
 of heuen spake to hi@ & bade hi~ ryse & so rered
 hi~ fro deth to lif . John~ is likened to an eygull
 þ^t is kyng~ of foulus . for as an eygull of kynde flith
 hiest & next to þe sonne & hath ^[a] gret delite to loke
 on þe sonne . ^[Ry3t] so seynt Jon he went next to god .
 for he preched & wrot most of *cristus* godhed & ^[but] litel
 of his monhed . For þese skylus þese ^[. 4 .] euangelistus
 ben likened to þese four~ bestus . but now 3e schul
 knowe þ^t seynt luk . is likened to a calf þ^t was
 offred in sacrificise . for he offred hi~-self in sacrificise
 to god day & ny3t by þre weyus in þou3t . in word .
 & in dede . he offred his þou3t to god . for þer as
 he was woned byfore ^[<ill><1 word></ill>] to þenke of vanite & how
 he my3t gete hi~ worldus good . For he was a ^[gret] leche
 of craft . & as bokus tellen a leche boldely sleth <add>sleeyt</add>
 a mon & he ful helt su~tyme ^[when he] had don ^[a] miss by-foren .
 wherfore he turned his þou3t al to god & sore repented<the two last words marked for inversion with
 a and b>
 þ^t he had don a-mys & þus he offred his þou3t in
 to sacrificise to god . for as þe book seith god is
 hi3ly plesed w^t his þou3t þ^t is sory for his synne .

he also offred his word to god in *sacrifise* . for þer
 as he was woned byfore . þ^t ~~þer com to þe apostelus~~
 <fol. 170r>to speke mony an ydel word of non awayle aftur
 he turned al his speche in-to *profit* to hi@ & to alle
 oþur cristen peple . werfore he 3ode to our~ lady
 & lernede at hur~ þe gospel þ^t he wrote . & for
 encheson~ þat he was clene mayden & had neyþur
 wyf ny child he was myche þe more chere to
 our~ lady . & sche tau3t hi~ ful goodly how þe an
 gel gabriel spake to hur~ & sche vnswere .^[hym] a
 3eyn . & so forth al þyg~ þ^t sche dude w^t hur~
 sone in his 3owþe . & aftur tyl he was stied vp
 in-to heuene . & when he had lerned þis *perfitly* .
 þen he loked wat Mark & Matheu hadde~ wryte~
 & so toke of he~ . & þer as þei passeden darkely
 forth . he wrot openly al þyng . & þus in .^[his] *prechyng~*
 & in *techyng~* he offred his word to god . he
 offred also his *dedus* to god in *sacrifys* . for he
 peyned his owne body w^t *dyuerse* penan~*sus* . of
fastyng~ . of hard *lyggynge* . of ~~hard~~ *slepyng* .
 also he was w^t þe *apostelus* in al hur~ *pursute*
 þ^t þei suffreden of þe *jewus* in *jerusalem* . & w^t hem
 he had gret *pursute* for *goddus* sake & wrot al
 þe *persecucion~* þ^t seynt Steuen . suffred & how he
 was stoned to þe deth & aftur his deth he 3ode
 to seynt Poule & sued hi~ & bonchif & in mysches
 & lafte hi~ *neuer* tyl deth deperted hem . & þen he
 3ode in-to a *contre* þ^t was called Rytynyn & þere
preched *goddus* .^[word] & when he was four~ score 3ere
 olde & ten . þen he died ful of þe holy gost
 & of holi *vertuus* & so aftur his deth god schewd
 for hym mony *myraculus* &c~ .
 <fol. 170v><space for initial>gode men and wyme~ suche a day . N . 3e schul haue
 seynt Symondus day & seynt Jude . wherfore 3e schul
 faste þe euen & come on þe morwe to chirche & wor
 schip god & his hooly *apostelus* þ^t day . þen schul 3e kno
 we þ^t eipur of þese *apostelus* had two *namus* . þ^t oon was
 called Symon Zelotes and Symon cananeus . & þ^e oþur was
 called Judas Jacobi & Judas Thaddeus . In þis is a-sche

wynge þe name þ^t a mon or woman hath hit dieth in
 þis world & passeth out of mynde in schort tyme aftur
 his deth . wherfore vche *cristen* mon schuld be bysy to
 geten hi@ a name þ^t schal be wryten in heuen in þe
 book of lif þ^t schal last for euer more . herfore þese two
 apostelus suffreden gret disese & *trauel* & penaunce &
 at þe last peyne of deth for goddus sake w^t meke
 hert & clene consciene . for Symond is vndirstonde
 obedience þ^t maketh a mon meke in hert . & Judas
 is vndurstonde confession~ þ^t clanseth a monnes *con*
science of al maner filþe of synne . þus by her~ deth
 þei 3euen ensample to vche mon & techen how þ^t
 þei þ^t suffren any disese ƒ for goddus sake w^t meke
 hert & clene conscience . þei schul be worschiped
 hi3ly of god in heuen & hur~ names wryten þere w^t
 worschip in-to þe fraternyte of seyntus of heuen . but
 þen ben þer mony þ^t god sendeth disese & greuus for
 gret loue & gret encres of mede in heuen . but þei
 taken hit not w^t meke hert & clenness of conscience
 but grucchen þer-w^t & playne@ 3erne þer-vpon . wer
 fore þei han gret nede to preie of help & to be heled
 of þ^t sikeness þ^t þei han in hur~ spyrit . as we reden
 in þe lif of þese holy apostelus how a kyng~ þat
 was called abagarus dude . þere we reden þus þis
 kyng~ was lepur & herd þ^t our~ lord jhesuc crist wrou3t
 mony miraculus & heled alle seke . wherfore he