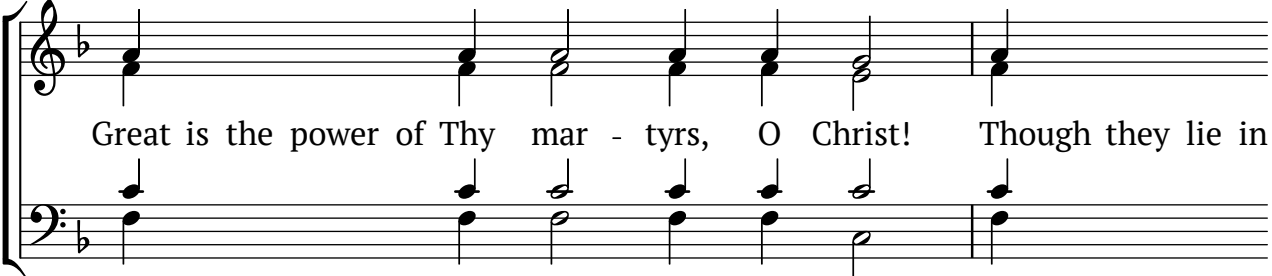


Stichera to the Martyrs, Tone 3

on Friday evenings

Common chant

1. Great is the power of Thy mar - tyrs, O Christ! Though they lie in



their tombs, they drive out de - mons. They fight in defense of true pi - e - ty,



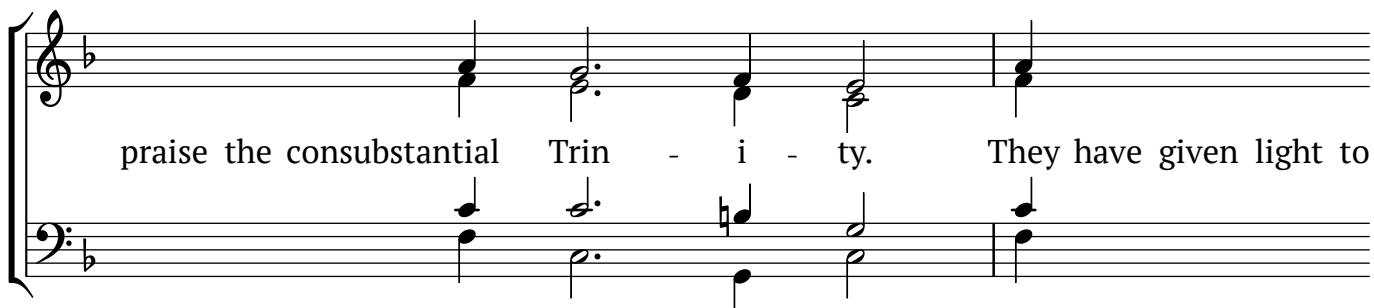
subduing the enemy's dominion by faith in the Trin - i - ty.



2. The prophets, apostles and mar - tyrs of Christ have taught mankind to



praise the consubstantial Trin - i - ty. They have given light to



the nations that had gone a - stray, and have made the sons of men

com-pan - ions of the an - gels.

3.

Strengthened by faith and con-firmed by hope, spiritually united by

the love of Thy cross, Thy martyrs destroyed the tyranny of the en - e - my, O Lord,

and, receiving crowns of glo - ry, with the an - gels they pray for our souls.

4. Great is the power of Thy cross, O Lord! It was set up on Golgotha but acts

through-out the world. It made fishermen into apostles, and gentiles into mar - tyrs,

so that they might pray for our souls.

For the Departed, by St. John of Damascus

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All hu - man things are vain; they do not en - dure af - ter death.

Our wealth will not re - main; our glory will not go with us on our way.

When death comes, all these things will van - ish. Therefore let us cry to Christ, the

im - mor - tal one: "Give rest to those who have de - part - ed from us

in the abode of those who re - joi - ce in Thee."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Then the Dogmatikon in tone 3: "How can we not wonder...")