

Stichera to the Martyrs, Tone 6

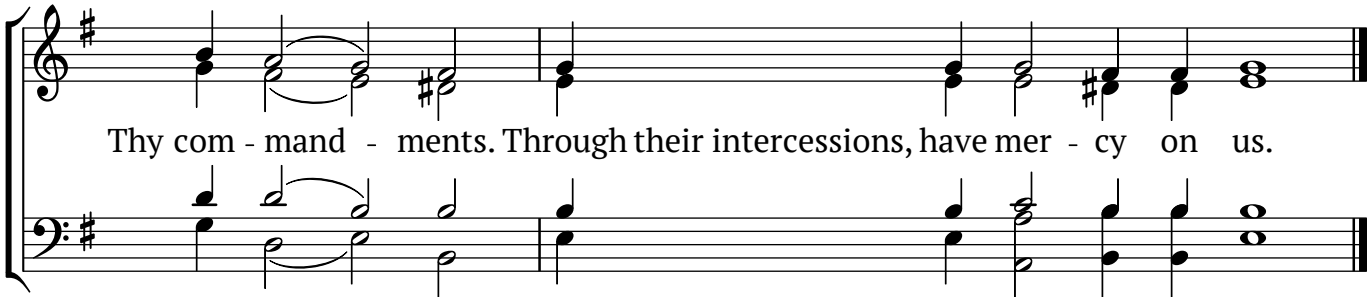
on Friday evenings

Common chant

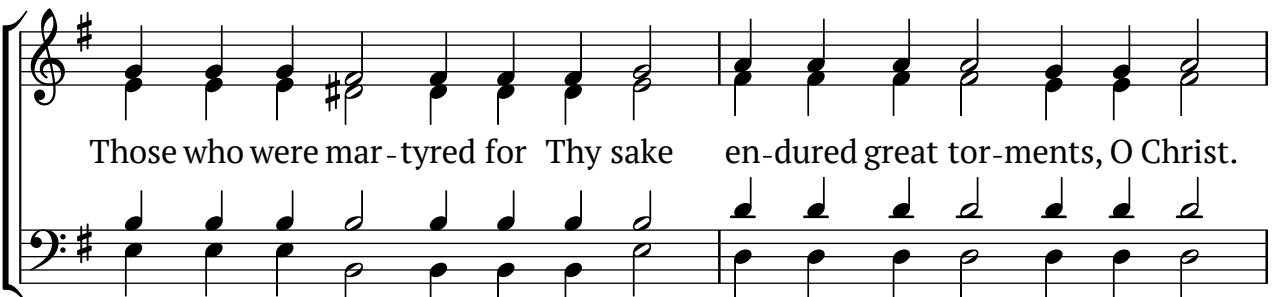
1. Thy mar - tyrs, O Lord, did not de - ny — Thee. They did not forsake



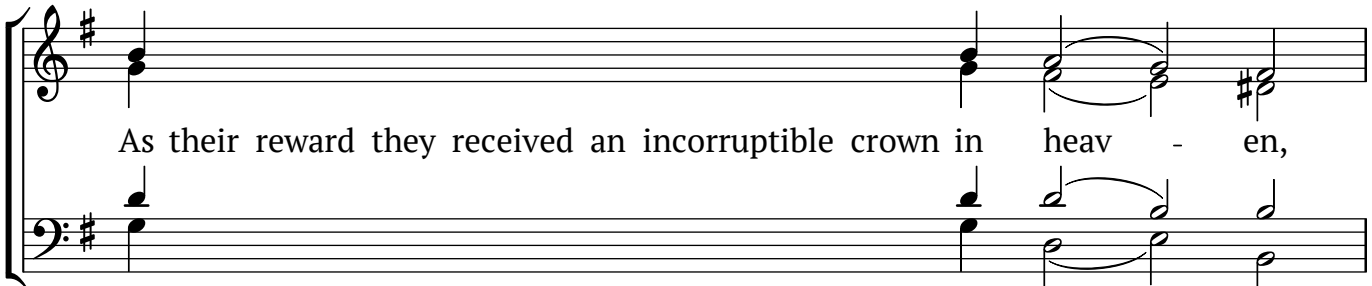
Thy com - mand - ments. Through their intercessions, have mer - cy on us.



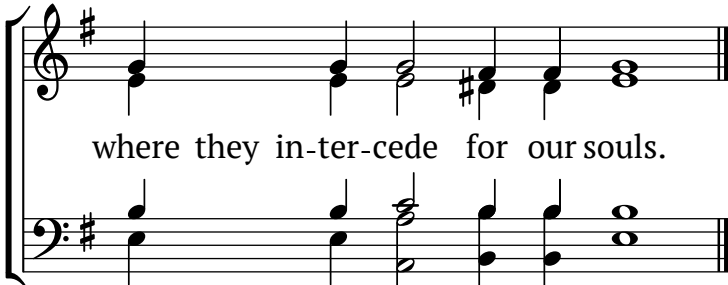
2. Those who were mar - tyred for Thy sake en - dured great tor - ments, O Christ.



As their reward they received an incorruptible crown in heav - en,



where they in - ter - cede for our souls.



3. Thy vic - to - rious mar - tyrs, O Lord, endured great torments

when they strug - gled on earth. Now they dwell in heav - en.

Through their prayers and intercessions, pre - serve us all.

4. Thy cross was an invincible weapon for the mar - tyrs, O Lord.

They saw death be - fore — them, but, looking to the life to come,

they were strengthened by their hope in Thee. Through their intercessions,

have mer - cy on us.

For the Departed, by St. John of Damascus

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

Thou hast honored the work of Thy hands with Thine own im - age, O Word,

depicting in material form the likeness of Thy supersensual Es - sence.

Of this also Thou hast made me a par - ti - ci - pant, placing me on earth

to rule as lord over cre - a - ted things. Give rest, therefore,

to Thy servants, O Sav - ior, in the land of the liv - ing,

in the hab - i - ta - tion of the just.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Then the Dogmatikon in tone 6: "Who will not bless you...")