

Holy Martyrs Akepsimus & Company

Stichera on "Lord I have cried..."
Tone 8, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."
Optina Hermitage Melody

(6) Reader: In the 8th Tone, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder"
If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand

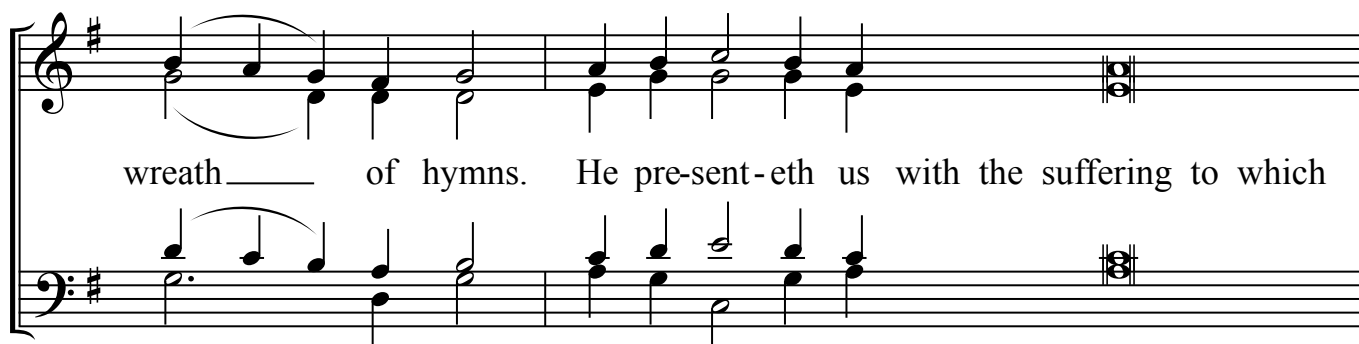
II-chant melody

I-descant

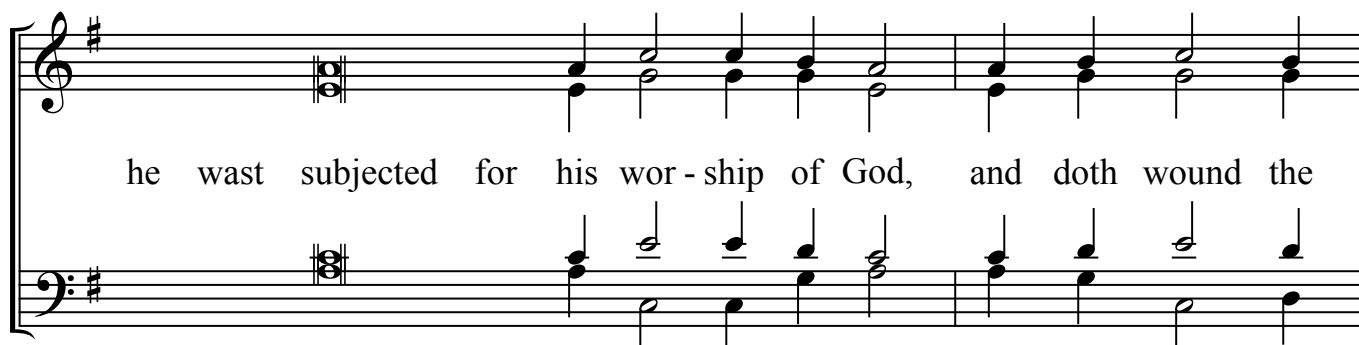
For with Thee there is for-give - - - - ness.

O most glo-ri-ous won - der! Thee come-ly A-kep - si-mus,

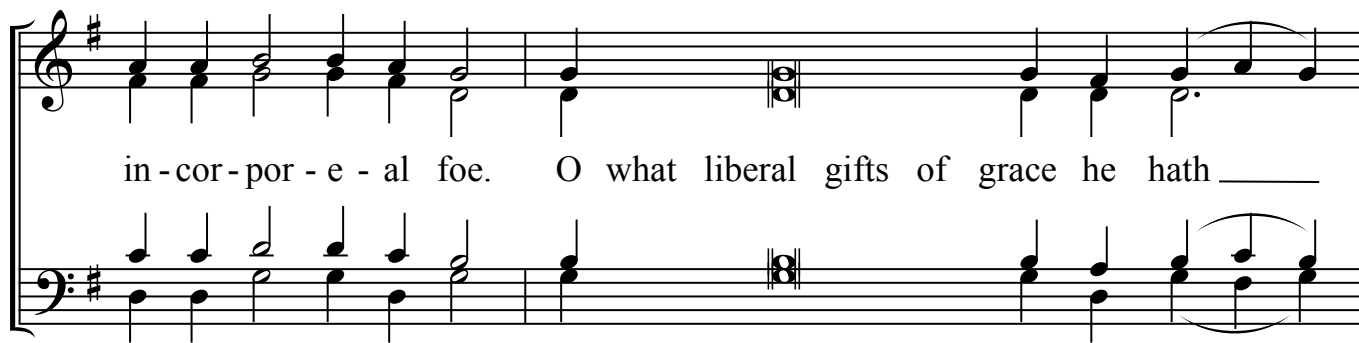
the min-is - ter to the mar - - tyrs, is crowned today with a



wreath_____ of hymns. He pre-sent-eth us with the suffering to which



he wast subjected for his wor - ship of God, and doth wound the



in - cor - por - e - al foe. O what liberal gifts of grace he hath _____



re - ceived! Through his prayers, O Christ_____ save_____ thou our souls,

in that thou art com - pas - - - sion - ate.

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(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped _____ in the Lord.

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O most glo-ri-ous won - der! Joseph hath shown forth from Persia

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like a star. _____ De-stroying the abomination of sor - cer - y

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by the Spi - - - rit, he hath ex - tin - guished the un - god - ly

wor-ship of fire with the streams of his blood. O the strength where -

with he cast down the de - mons! Through his prayers, O Christ -

save thou our souls, in that thou art com-pas - sion - ate.

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

O most glo - ri - ous won - der! The stead-fast Aith - a - las,

the namesake of a champion of suf - fer-ing, is shown to be an ever-

blos-som-ing gar - den, which, cut down, doth bloom with wounds,

and when slain doth but be-gin to live. O the strength of nature which

he en-dured! _____ Through his prayers, O Christ _____

save___ thou our souls, in that thou art com-pas - sion - ate.

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