

July 4 -- canon to the royal martyrs

Ode One. First Tone

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and diatonic, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. Chordal markings 'C' and 'D' are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

D
O Sav-iour, Thy peo - ple have gath - ered to sing Thee

C *D*
a song for the vic - to - ry Thou wrought-est not in strength,

C *D*
but through the in - fir - mi - ty of them that set their hope on Thee

C *D*
in bit - ter suf - fer - ings.

D
Be-trayed by thy couns' - lers, a - ban - doned by kins - men,

C *D*
O val - or - ous Nich - o - las, thou didst stand like a rock

C *D*
a - midst dash - ing waves of trials, where - by thou hast shown all

C *D*
the world thy migh - ty faith in God.

D
The groans of your bond - age as - cend - ed as in - cense

to Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied, *C* Je - sus Who rose a - gain, *D*

Who glo - ri - fied you on high, *D* Whom do ye ev - er im -

por - tune for us who sing *C* your *D* praise.

D
O Vir - gin, an earth - ly do - min - ion was top - pled,

but then was thy sov'-reign - ty *C* which is in - vin - ci - ble *D*

made man - i - fest to thy flock, *D* where - in do thou pre - serve us all

and guide us all *C* to *D* God.

Ode Three

D *C* *D*
By this we know that Christ doth dwell in you: Ye in truth for -

C *D*
gave all your en - e - mies with no - ble and whole - heart - ed love

C *D* *C*
by the grace of the Cru - ci - fied. Nich - o - las and Al - ex -

D *C* *D*
an - dra, we re - vere your great god - li - ness.

D *C* *D*
Thy grate - ful pa - tience in thy suf - fer - ings caused great tor - ment

C *D*
un - to the an - cient foe, whom thou didst drown in thy pure blood,

C *D* *C*
O A - lex - is, thrice - bless - ed Saint. And the Mar - tyrs of all

D *C* *D*
ag - es past re - joice to re - ceive thy soul.

D *C* *D*

A no - ble birth set crowns up - on your heads; but vo - li - tion

C *D*

no - bler hath set there - on the dou - ble crowns sur - pass - ing fair

C *D* *C*

of the vir - gin and mar - tyred Saints. Christ Him - self, the Bride - groom,

D *C* *D*

saved you four as vir - gi - nal brides for Him.

D *C* *D*

The Im - age of our God's e - ter - ni - ty through thee en - tered

C *D*

bod - i - ly in - to time to raise up A - dam's fall - en race,

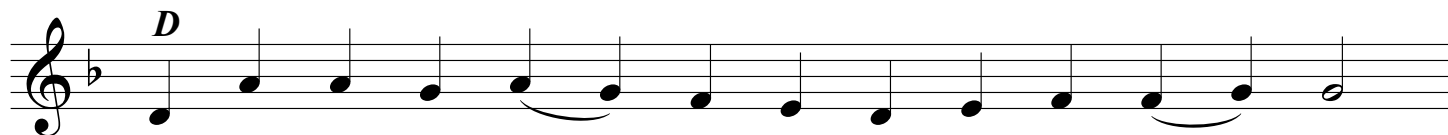
C *D* *C*

O trans - cen - dent - ly ho - ly Maid. Hymns of gra - ti - tude we

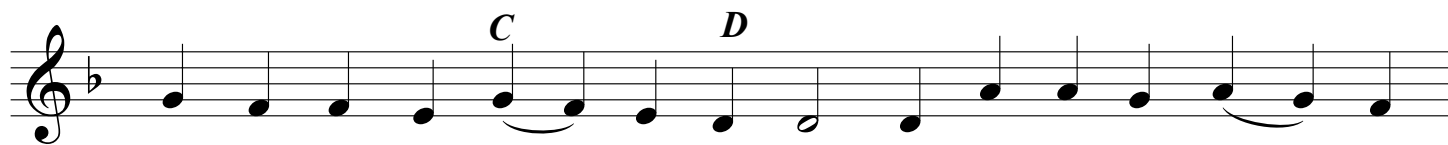
D *C* *D*

of - fer thee, O Ma - ry, thou Bride of God.

Ode Four



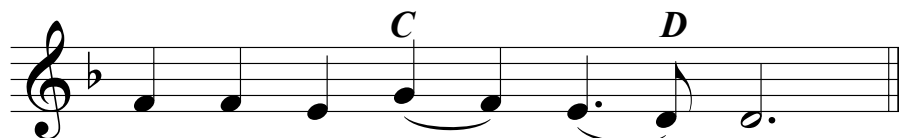
The fall of a king - dom, the death of a Sov' - reign,



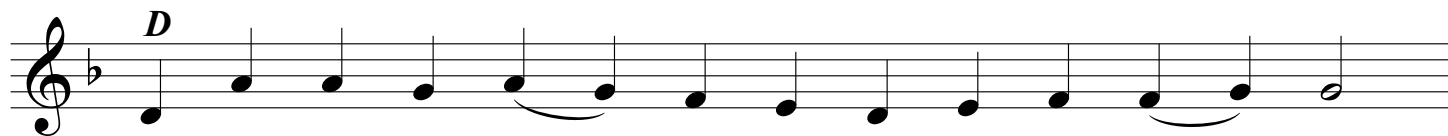
shook the land with ter - ror and grief; the pow - er of Christ shown



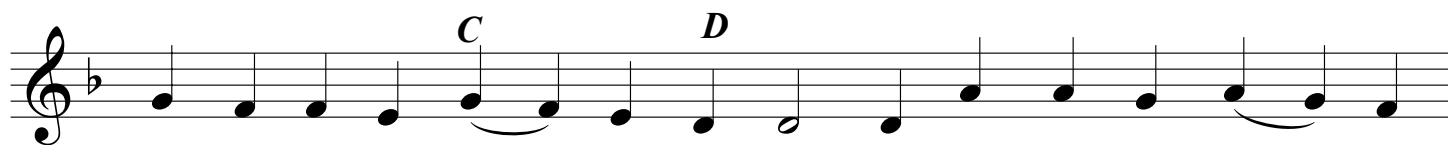
in love and for - give - ness ex - alt - ed you from this world



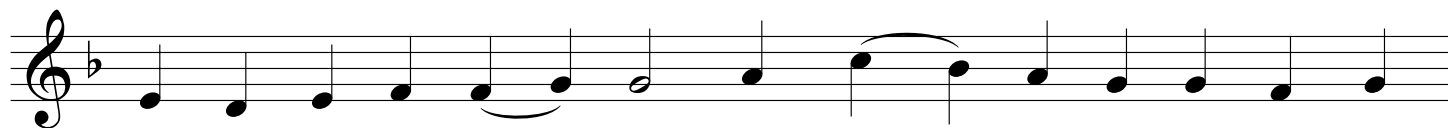
to ev - er - last - ing joy.



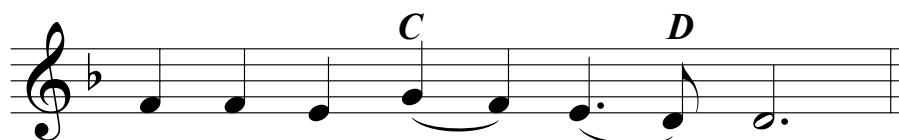
Eu - gene the phy - si - cian while held with his Sov' - reigns



tend - ed to the suff' - ring and sick; he light - ened his bonds with



his mer - cy to oth - ers and crowned all by lay - ing down



his life for those he loved.

D
Ex - ceed - ing des - crip - tion, O ven' - ra - ble Mar - tyrs,

C *D*
were the griefs and tor - ments ye bare; but past un - der - stand - ing

are al - so the grac - es where - with ye are rec - om - pensed

C *D*
by Him Whose Cross ye loved.

D
In thee we seek ref - uge in per - ils and sor - rows,

C *D*
who hast borne the Pearl of Great Price; for thou me - di - a - test

an in - fin - ite glad - ness that noth - ing can take a - way,

C *D*
O Moth - er of our Life.

Ode Five

D

Kind Clem-ent suf-fered sharp-ly at the Crown Princ-e's pains; John braved

C *D*

ev'-ery per-il to spare the Grand Duch-ess-es; and both were slain

Un. A *D*

will ing-ly for their wards, with whom they stand, joy - ous, be -

C *D*

fore the Lord in splen - dour.

D

Brave Ba - sil and E - li - as, war - like men of com-mand, fought be -

C *D*

side their Sov'-reign with faith as their on-ly arms, es-cort-ing him

Un. A *D*

un - to a cer-tain death, count-ing to die with him to

C *D*

be their high - est vic - t'ry.

D
Es - teem - ing it a fa - vour to be grant - ed to die with his

C *D*
mar - tyred Mon - archs, John pled with their mur - der - ers to part him not

Un. *A* *D*
from them he served in life; shar - ing their death, now he par -

C *D*
tak - eth of their glo - ry.

D
From deep and bit - ter dark - ness, I cry out un - to thee: Shine on

C *D*
me, O lamp of the Light un - ap - proach - a - ble; the flame of love

Un. *A* *D*
in thee is nev - er quenched; for thou dost shine with God's great

C *D*
mer - cy, O my La - dy.

Ode Six

C *A*↓ *Un.* *D*

Though com - passed by un - god - ly men filled with hate, with the

Cher - u - bim ye chant - ed God's prais - es and raised up your

C *D*

minds to heav - en - ly love 'midst in - fer - nal spite; un -

C *D*

de - filed by the de - filed, ye a - bode pure and no - ble.

C *A*↓ *Un.* *D*

Des - cen - ding un - to great - er suff' - rings each day, ye were

ev - er more trans - fig - ured in spir - it, ex - alt - ed a -

C *D*

bove the gross things of earth; and com - plete - ly cleansed from

C *D*

the blight of earth - ly lusts, ye were ripe for the Heav - ens.

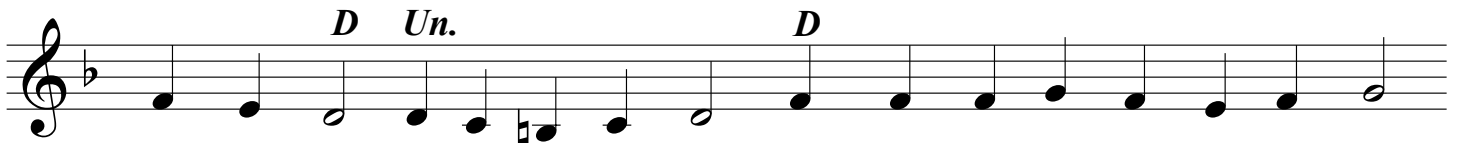
C *A* *Un.* *D*
 E - lec - ted to a high - er glo - ry and state, from on
 high ye were ap - point - ed to suff' - rings, ag - grieved from the
C *D*
 ve - ry birth of the heir, whose in - her - i - tance was
C *D*
 the bright mar - tyr - ic crown that ye joint - ly at - tained to.

C *A* *Un.* *D*
 The pres - ence of thy Son is trem - bling and dread; yet in
 in - fin - ite com - pas - sion and good - ness, He took on our
C *D*
 sins and weak - ness and woe and ap - point - ed thee as
C *D*
 the cer - tain - ty and pledge of His mer - cy to sin - ners.

Ode Seven



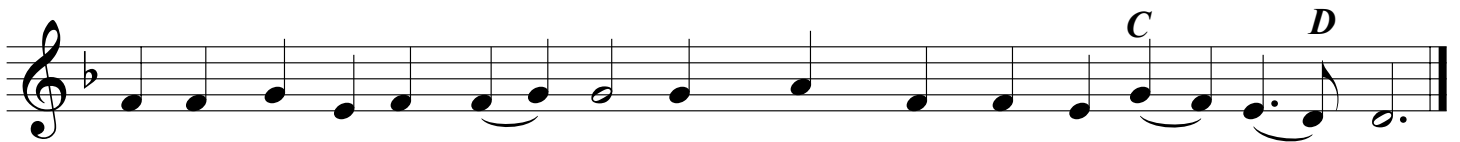
Stripped nak - ed of all earth - ly au - thor - i - ty, ye yet were a



prick-ing thorn to the dev-il's slaves, who longed to quell the reign of Christ,



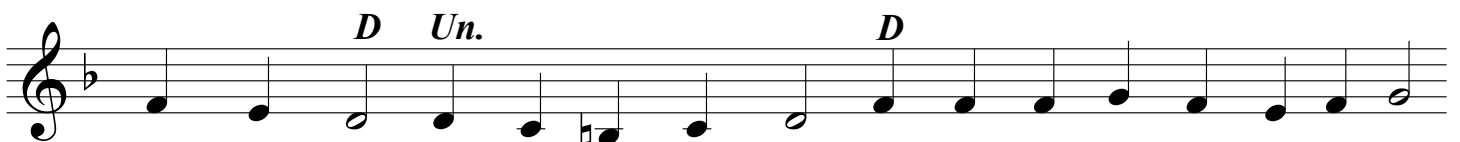
which still shone forth res-plen - dent-ly in you all. Un-ab - le to



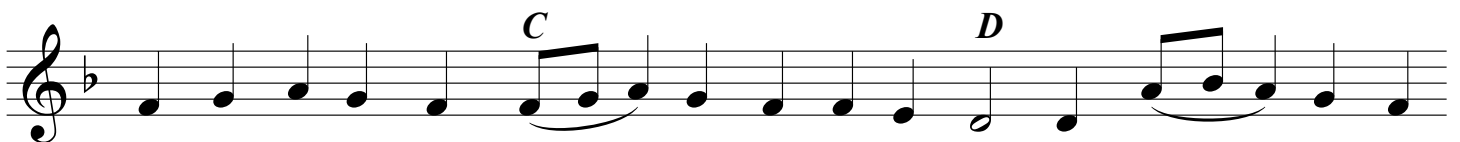
kill the Lord in the Heav - ens, they quenched His lights up-on the earth.



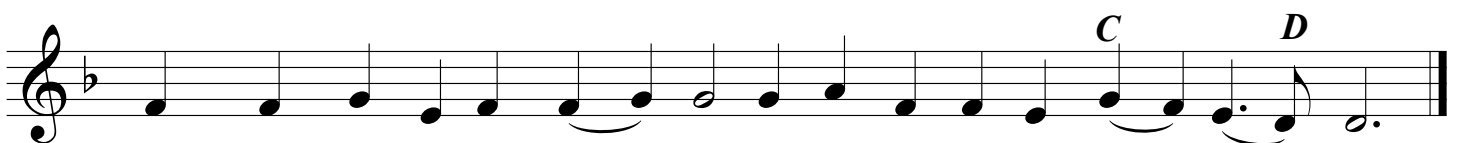
Pre-sent - ed with oc-ca - sion to save thy-self by flee-ing thy



Sov'-reigns' fate, stead-fast thou didst stand, con-firm-ing time and time a-gain



thy mag-na-ni-mous faith - ful-ness un-to them, for which thou art



crowned with them in the Heav - ens, O A - na - sta - sia great of soul.

O An - na, thou didst see thy great La - dy fall from pow - er and

end - less wealth to cap - ti - vi - ty; but be - ing bound to her by love,

and be - hold - ing her great - ness in suf - fer - ings, thou clav - est to

her as ev - er a - fore - time, ac - count - ing her a queen in Christ.

As dark - ness fell more ter - ri - bly on the land, the Mar - tyrs set

all their trust on thy light a - lone, which no ca - lam - i - ty can quench;

and, O Vir - gin, thou shon - est up - on their hopes, in - spir - ing them

with in - vin - ci - ble cour - age in Him to Whom thou gav - est birth.

Ode Eight

D
In - no - cence and god - li - ness, min - gled to - geth - er, a - dorned

C *D*
your souls, O chil - dren, ye five e - lect of the Sav - iour;

Un. *D* *C*
and the hat - red and spite of the god - less could not move you to

D *C* *D*
wick - ed - ness, but stab - lished se - cure in the love of God, ye tri - umphed.

D
Tem - pered in the fur - nace of burn - ing af - flic - tions, by them

C *D*
ye have been ren - dered a shar - pened sword forged in Heav - en,

Un. *D* *C*
which with ter - ri - ble blows driv - eth off the hordes of de - mons from

D *C* *D*
ev' - ry soul in - vok - ing your suc - cour, O Mar - tyrs great in mer - cy.

D
 Once the gems and pearls of high of - fice be-decked you, but noth -
C *D*
 ing like the sigh - ings and spark-ling tears of your bon - dage
Un. *D* *C*
 which ye will - ing-ly chose, wish-ing to par-take of all that your
D *C* *D*
 Sov'-reigns bare; and ye were per-fect - ed with them in God-like beau - ty.
D
 Shak-ing off the er - ror de - ny - ing thee hon - our, the god -
C *D*
 ly Al - ex - an - dra re - vered thee great - ly, O La - dy,
Un. *D* *C*
 with an Orth o - dox mind and com-mit-ted her whole soul to thy
D *C* *D*
 sov'-reign care; and thou didst ex-alt her from Emp-ress un-to Mar - tyr.

Ode Nine

D *C* *D*
A-noin-ted as Mar - tyrs in the unc-tion of your blood, ye reign as

G *D*
kings for ev - er in Christ Je - sus, Whose Pas - sion and will-ing Death

C *D*
ye em-braced with val-iant faith; no trea-son can ov-er-throw your reign; no blow can

C *D*
shake your King - dom; ye have found the rest on high with the Saints in glad - ness.

D *C* *D*
The Saints whom ye hon - oured and once glo-ri-fied on earth re-ceived you

G *D*
with ex-ceed - ing joy and glad - ness when ye too had run the course

C *D*
of the pat-ience of the Saints; the An-gels whose meek-ness ye dis-played es-cort-ed

C *D*
you in glo - ry; and the King Whose Cross ye bare made you heirs and chil - dren.

D *C* *D*
 Be-fore, ye had use of vast im-per-ial trea-su-ries; but now the
G *D*
 ve-ry gates of ho-ly Heav-en, the rich-es of grace di-vine,
C *D*
 have been op-ened wide to you. As once ev'-ry pau-per in dis-tress had ac-cess
C *D*
 to your mer-cies, so be gra-cious un-to us seek-ing your com-pas-sion.
D *C* *D*
 O strength of the Mar-tyrs, Queen and Sov'-reign of the Saints, O balm and
G *D*
 con-sol-a-tion of the suff'-ring and hope of those dead in sin,
C *D*
 lend thine ear un-to our cries. Be-hold the dis-tress and bit-ter woe of them thy
C *D*
 Son hath ran-somed; wash a-way our sins and griefs; save our souls, O Vir-gin.