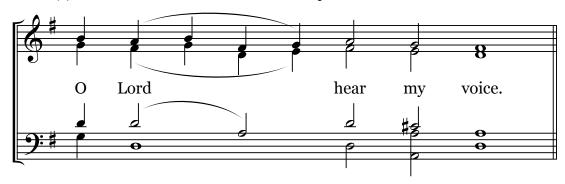
Stichera of the Martyrs for Friday Evening Vespers Tone 3, Kievan

(8) Reader: In the 3rd tone, Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;



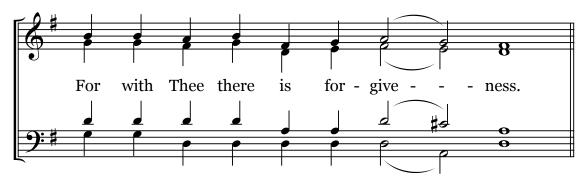
Great is the power of Thy martyrs, O Christ! /
Though they lie in their tombs, they drive out evil spirits /
and fight in defence of true devotion, //
subduing the dominion of the enemy through faith in the Trinity.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive



The prophets, the apostles of Christ and the martyrs /
have taught mankind to sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity; /
they have given light to the nations that were gone astray, //
and have made the sons of men companions of the angels.

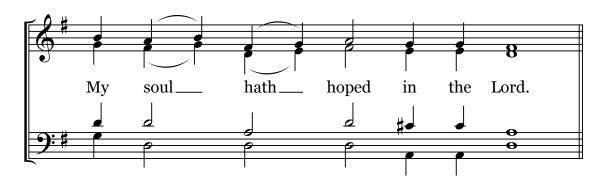
(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



Supported by faith and made strong by hope, /
Thy martyrs, O Lord, destroyed the tyranny of the enemy; /
and receiving crowns of glory, //

together with the angels they make intercession for our souls.

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



Great is the power of Thy Cross, O Lord! /

It was set up in the place of the skull, and it acts in all the world; /

it made fishermen into apostles /

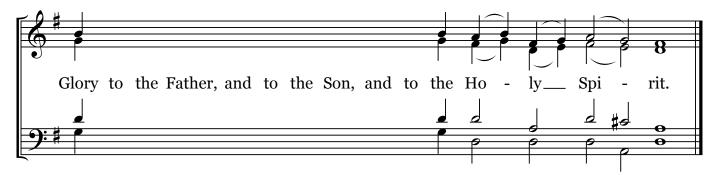
and the Gentiles into martyrs, //

that they might intercede for our souls.

Next we sing 4 stichera of the saint of the day, from the Menaion; and then Glory: the sticheron for the dead in the Tone of the week.

On "Lord I have cried", at Glory, we sing the sticheron of the Dead in the Tone of the week.

Reader: Glory, in the 3rd Tone.



All human things are vain, /
and endure not after death. /
Our wealth will not remain, /
our glory will not go with us upon the way; /
for when death comes all these things will disappear. /
Therefore let us cry to Christ who is immortal: /
Give rest to our departed brethren //
and make them dwell with the joyful.

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