

Common of Martyrs

I. Outside Easter Time

A. For Several Martyrs

*Hymn Tune: O God, Our Help in Ages Past, or
Where Charity and Love prevail.*

Ant. Because of the Lord's covenant
And the ancestral law,
The saints endured in brotherhood,
One faith they held in awe.

Dox. All praise to God the Father be,
And to his only Son,
Who with the Holy Spirit reign,
The Blessed Three in One.

OR:

Hymn Tune: Faith of Our Fathers

1. With the Lord's cov'nant and their laws,
The Saints of God all persevered
In loving brotherhood for all,
One in the spirit, one in faith.
Faith of our Fathers, holy faith;
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Praise we the Father, praise the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One;
As was, is now, and e'er shall be,
World without end, eternally.
Faith of our Fathers, holy faith;
We will be true to thee till death.

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OR:

*Hymn Tune: The Church's One Foundation,
O Sacred Head Surrounded.*

The blood of holy martyrs
Was poured upon the ground;
For love of Christ they suffered,
Eternal life have found.
Thus now they sing forever,
And gained their great reward.
Praise Father, Son and Spirit,
Blest Trinity adored.

OR:

*Hymn Tune: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, or
As a Fire is Meant for Burning, or
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Ant. As gold tested in a furnace
God has put them to the test,
As a sacrificial off'ring,
God accepts them, gives them rest.
And in time they will be honored,
Grace and peace with them will be,
God's elect will be exulted,
Praising him eternally.

Dox. Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
Now with all the saints in heaven
thanks and praises do we sing;
Mortals, angels, now for ever
praise the Lord, our Triune King.

B. For One Martyr

*Hymn Tune: Jesu Dulcis Memoria, or
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, or
On Jordan's Bank.*

For a Man

Ant. For Christ he counted all as loss,
Conformed himself unto the cross;
The he may share Christ's sufferings;
His death, which our salvation brings.

For a Woman

Ant. For Christ she counted all as loss,
Conformed herself unto the cross;
The she may share Christ's sufferings;
His death, which our salvation brings.

Dox. Praise God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
To whom all honor, glory be
Both now and for eternity.

II. During Easter Time

A. For Several Martyrs

Hymn Tune: For All the Saints

Ant. These who are clothed in robes of dazzling white,
These have survived the time of the great fight,
The Blood of the Lamb has washed their vestments bright,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dox. Unto the Father, songs of thanks we raise;
And to the Son, unceasing hymns of praise;
Who with the Spirit, worship all our days.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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OR:

*Hymn Tune: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, or
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Come, you blessed of my Father,
and receive what is your due;
From all time, my Father's kingdom,
which has been prepared for you.
Alleluia, Praise the Father,
Alleluia, Praise the Son,
Alleluia, Praise the Spirit,
Glorify the Three in One.

B. For One Martyr

*Hymn Tune: O God, Our Help in Ages Past, or
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns, or
Amazing Grace*

Ant. O God, you grant eternal life,
and make perpetual light
shine on your saints, O Lord, for they
are precious in your sight.

Dox. All praise to God the Father be,
And to his Risen Son,
Who with the Holy Spirit reign,
The Blessed Three in One.

III. For Missionary Martyrs

A. For Several Missionary Martyrs

*Hymn Tune: At the Lamb's High Feast, or
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

May our boasting never be
anywhere except in Thee,
And the cross of Christ the Lord,
In the power of the word.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father unto Thee we raise;
Risen Lord, we now adore,
With the Spirit evermore.

OR:

Hymn Tune: Faith of Our Fathers

Let us not boast save in the Cross,
The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Word of the Cross is pow'r of God,
To us who have been saved by Christ.
Praise we the Father, Praise the Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever One.

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B. For One Missionary Martyr

*Hymn Tune: At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing, or
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

This saint went as far as death,
Handing over his last breath;
For Christ's work he lost his life,
Now gained victory after strife.
Father, who the crown shall give,
Son, who died that we may live;
Spirit guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.

IV. For a Virgin Martyr

*Hymn Tune: Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist,
or O Bless the Lord (Finlandia)*

Blest is the virgin who denied herself,
took up her cross to imitate the Lord,
Who is the spouse of virgins, ever blessed,
And prince of martyrs, Him whom we adore.
All glory to the Father and the Son,
And glory to the Spirit, Three in One.

V. For a Holy Woman Martyr

*Hymn Tune: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, or
I Sing the Mighty Pow'r of God*

Ant. The kingdom shall belong to those
who worldly things eschew,
This woman has inherited
reward that is her due.
She washed her robes clean in the blood
of Jesus Christ the Lamb,
And reached the heights of heaven where
she sees the Great I Am.

Dox. All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Holy Ghost,
For ever Three in One.

As once it was before, is now,
and shall be ever more;
To endless ages he stands firm,
the God whom we adore.