

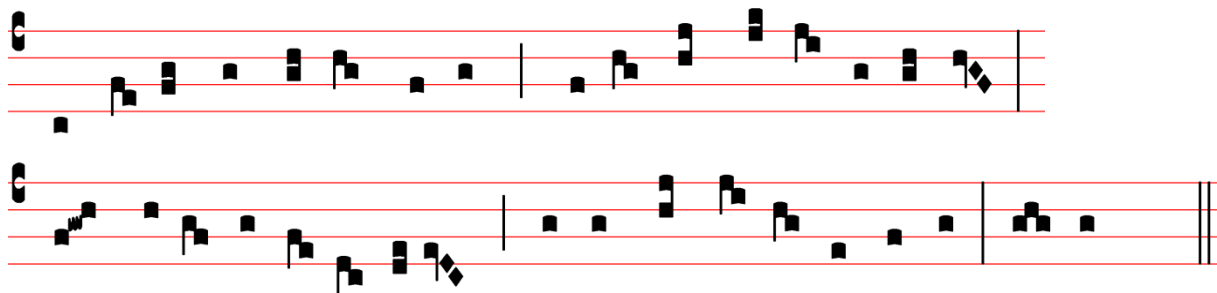
Office Propers – S Cyprian – 15th September

These are the proper texts for the Office on the feasts of Martyrs, which you should substitute for the seasonal texts provided in the booklet.

Venite Antiphon:

The Lord is the Life of the Martyrs; O come, let us adore Him.

Office Hymn:



A-men.

O God, Thy soldiers' crown and guard,
And their exceeding great reward,
From bonds of evil set us free,
Who sing Thy martyr's victory.

On this the martyr's triumph day,
Let every voice its tribute pay
To those who counted all things loss
For love of Him Who bore the Cross.

Right valiantly they kept the Faith,
And glorified Thee unto death;
For Thee their blood they dared to pour,
And thence have joy for evermore.

O Christ, most loving King, to Thee
With God the Father, glory be,
And glory to the Holy Ghost,
From men and from the angel-host.

Look down upon us from above,
Uplift our hearts, O God of love,
And as our hymns to Thee we raise,
Accept Thy people's prayer and praise.

Psalm:

(3) LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! : many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(126) WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

5 Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

Responsory:

These are they who were faithful; even unto death.

[These are they who were faithful; even unto death.](#)

They have won a martyr's crown.

[These are they who were faithful; even unto death.](#)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

These are they who were faithful; even unto death.

Benedictus Antiphon:

For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, who despised worldly living: who have won the rewards of the Kingdom; and have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb.

Magnificat Antiphon:

This is indeed a Martyr, who for the love of Christ poured forth his/her blood; but with joy attained unto the heavenly Kingdom.

Collect of the Day:

Holy God, Who didst bring Cyprian to faith in Christ, didst make him a bishop in the Church and crowned his witness with a martyr's death: grant that, after his example, we may love the Church and her teachings, find Thy forgiveness within her fellowship and so come to share the heavenly banquet Thou hast prepared for us; in and through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.