The priest martyr Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk

NOVEMBER 12

1. God, of all your martyrs, crown, hear the hymn we raise in gladness, praising good Saint Josaphat, Who (in midst of earthy sadness) followed Christ, the Way, the Life, braving trouble, scorn, and strife.

2. Jo-sa-phat, a preacher bold, was a bishop strong and fearless; in his love for all his flock And his ardor, he was peerless; “that in Christ we one may be” was his earnest, heartfelt plea.

3. Strong defender of his Church, Lover of the Eastern teaching, faithful priest and leader true Which your Church in glory raises; with our Patron terrible grace, took in heav’n a martyr’s place. joined in song, echoing the ages long!

4. God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit, take our praises with our hymns on this glad day

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Melody: Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich / Holy God, we praise thy name (Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774)