The priest martyr Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk
November 12

1. God, of all Your martyrs, crown, hear the hymn we
2. Josaphat, a preacher bold, was a bishop
3. Strong defender of his Church, Lover of the
4. God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit,

raise in gladness, praising good Saint Josaphat,
strong and fearless; in his love for all his flock
Eastern teaching, faithful priest and leader true
take our praises with our hymns on this glad day

Who (in midst of earthly sadness) followed Christ, the
And his ardor, he was peerless; "that in Christ we
Urged his people through his preaching, and, by God's mystery
Which your Church in glory raises; with our Patron

Way, the Life, braveing trouble, scorn, and strife.
one may be" was his earnest, heartfelt plea.
terious grace, took in heav'n a martyr's place.
joined in song, echoing the ages long!

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