

PATRONAL HYMN

MARTYRIS CHRISTI

FOR THE FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE

Music by Philip Jakob

for the Community of St Lawrence Church, Tampa

Verse 1

4

Law - rence the dea - con spent him-self in ser - vice,

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aid - ing the need - y, wealth of earth des - pis - ing,

13

then as a mar - tyr for the name of Je - sus,

17

joy - ful - ly tri - umphed.

Verse 2

23

Fire's bit - ter tor - ment he en - dured se - rene - ly,

27

ev - en to jest - ing as the flames grew fier - cer,

31

no - thing could con - quer love so bent on teach - ing

35

joys ev - er - last - ing.

Text translation: (c) the Benedictines of Saint Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde, UK.

41 Verse 3

Wel - com - ing an - gels bore his hap - py spi - rit,

swift - ly to hea - ven to be crowned for ev - er,

where he would al - ways in - ter - cede for sin - ners,

with the Al - migh - ty.

Verse 4

59 Most ho - ly mar - tyr, hum - bly we im - plore you,

63 pray for us dai - ly, win - ning us for - give - ness,

67 make us more fer - vent, by our faith and mo - rals

71 bear - ing full wit - ness.

Verse 5

77

Praise to the Fa - ther let us sing with glad - ness,

81

praise to our Sa - vior, God the Son, In - car - nate,

85

reign - ing for ev - er with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

89

God and Cre - a - tor.