

DECEMBER 26

ST. STEPHEN

HYMN

Melody 3 (D) – 8.8.8.8 (LM)

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ith honor let us cel- e-brate * the Martyr Stephen's solemn
feast: the first to fight for Christ and win the gleaming palm of
vic-to-ry. 2. This faithful Martyr, in dispute with false, de-keit-ful
witnesses, saw Je-sus, who in glo-ry stood beside the Father's own
right hand. 3. O noble Martyr, hear our prayer: be quick and has-ten
to our aid; obtain for us the gift we ask: may heaven's kingdom
o-pen wide. 4. You gleam with high, resplendent light, for you are

cleansed by streams of blood; remember us, now beg that we
may share the glo-ry you received. 5. May Christ with mercy grant
these gifts, who, born the Vir-gin Mother's Son, now reigns on high
for ev-ermore with Father and with Spirit blest. A-men.

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