Maple - Nut Hubbard Squash

3 lbs. Hubbard squash
1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup maple syrup
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans

Cut squash into pieces. Pare and remove seeds and fibers. Cook, covered, in boiling water until tender. Drain and mash well. Beat in butter, maple syrup, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle with pecans.