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JANUARY 25



Ho - ly fa - ther Gre - go - ry, the grave sealed not your voice,
In the cha-riot of the vir - tues, you took heav'n-ward flight
Lov - er of the Tri - une God - head, "son of thun - der" true,
Un - like Ser - a - phim with tongs to take the fier - y coal,



Which taught of the Lord so sweet - ly that we all re - joice!
From the war - ring of the pas - sions in - to Beau-ty's light!
(As was John) a the - o - lo - gian, brought forth old and new!
With your hand you touched the Lamb who feeds our ve - ry soul!

Refrain



Fa - ther, bi - shop, teach-er, our pray'r and plead - ing hear.



In - ter-cede for us, your chil-dren; through your teach - ing clear,



Help us in our lives as Chris-tians, Fa - ther ev - er dear.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for January 25

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)