The holy apostle James Alpheus

1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and highest praise
2. Apostle James, commissioned to call every land to Christ,
3. O Father, source of every good, O risen, glorious Son,

That your apostles, leaving all, were faithful all their days,
You taught of him, God's well-beloved, who paid our sinning's price.
O Spirit, Giver of new life, O blessed Three-in-One:

Proclaiming Gospel truth and love to farthest ends of earth,
You caught the nations in your net of Gospel truth and light,
With James and with th'apostles' choir, we bless your holy name;

All preaching you, Lord Christ, and leading all to your new birth.
Illuminating those who lived in sin's constraint and night.
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

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