The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian

APRIL 30

1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and highest praise
2. For James the Great, the thunder’s son, the brother of St. John,
3. O Father, source of every good, O risen, glorious Son,

That your apostles, leaving all, were faithful all their days,
Who left his father’s boats and nets that he might struggle on
O Spirit, Giver of new life, O blessed Three-in-One:

Proclaiming Gospel truth and love to farthest ends of earth,
With all the Twelve to follow you, we give you thanks and praise!
With James and with the apostles’ choir, we bless your holy name;

All preaching you, Lord Christ, and leading all to your new birth.
As on the Mount he saw your light, so lead us, all our days.
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

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