

Our venerable father John Damascene

DECEMBER 4



1. O Love of God, who for our sake our na - ture here did take,
2. Pro - claim-er of the i - con's role to tes - ti - fy the goal
3. To you, O Fa - ther, source and end, to Christ, both Lord and friend,



We give you high - est praise to - day; For John our thanks we pay.
That Christ, true God, be - came true man, ful - fil - ling thus God's plan.
To you, O Spi - rit, gra - ce's spring, O God, our praise we bring.



De - fen - der of the Faith was he, called prea - cher, sage to be
A sing - er of the Tri - ni - ty was John, whose hymns will be
From choirs of an - gels ranked on high, and saints, there comes this cry:



Sum - ma - tion of the Fa - thers' lore, that we be, as be - fore.
A bed - rock of the Chur - ch's song, with truth to fight the wrong.
To God, the e - ver One - in - Three, our song shall e - ver be!

Text: JMT

Melody: *Kingsfold*