The holy apostle and evangelist John the Theologian

MAY 8

1. O come you now; with praises crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,
   Whose Gospel thunders loudly: "In beginning was the Word!"
   From leaning on the Master's breast came wisdom so profound;
   His writings of the God-Man spread this truth the world a-round.

2. Saint John, the lyre of heaven, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,
   Who came to give abundant life; great praise let us afford!
   His letters preach our duty, God and neighbor both to love;
   With in this teaching, let us aim from earth to heav'n a-bove.

3. Of Mary, faithful guardian, good pastor to his flock,
   Saint John inspires us each to cling to Christ, the mighty Rock.
   O Loving God, both One-and-Three, proclaimed in words of flame,
   Let us be faithful as he taught, in praise of Your great Name!

4. In days of Paschal beauty, let our hymns of glory rise;
   With John and heaven's armies, we on earth now fill the skies:
   To God and Father, glory be! To Jesus, Lord and King;
   To Spirit, who inspires us all: God's glory let us sing!

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