Our holy father Leo, Pope of Rome

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1. The Lord calls forth leaders to shepherd his flock,
2. In times of destruction, Saint Leo was led
3. “The scholar,” says Scripture, “with wisdom is filled
4. When come to Chalcedon, the truth to provide,
5. O Trinity blessed, O God of all grace,

Saint Peter’s successors, all built on the rock
To pastor the Church as Saint Peter had said,
That all of his learning by God’s Word is willed,
“Through Leo has Peter pronounced!” bishops cried
Receive the thanks-giving that’s voiced in this place:

Of faithful confession that Jesus is Christ—
Not seeking for stature, but teaching with strength,
And many his great understanding will praise,
And took his profession of Christ, God and Man,
For Leo, all praise and all glory we raise;

Messiah, our Savior who’s paid sin’s high price.
Defending her oneness while preaching at length.
Not letting it perish despite passing days.”
Defining as dogma this part of God’s plan.
Join us to the blessed in heaven who praise!

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