The holy apostle and evangelist Matthew

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1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and highest praise
2. Apostle Matthew heard with joy your summons, “Follow me!”
3. Father, source of every good, O risen, glorious Son,

That your apostles, leaving all, were faithful all their days,
And left his tax collector’s job that he Your friend might be.
O Spirit, Giver of new life, O blessed Three-in-One:

Proclaiming Gospel truth and love to farthest ends of earth,
He wrote of You in deathless words that summon and compel;
With Matthew and the apostles’ choir, we bless your holy name;

All preaching you, Lord Christ, and leading all to your new birth.
And told of judgment just and great that we remember well.
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

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