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Dinner for the Theologians ~ Invocation

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May our Loving God, primarily known to us
through his incarnate Son, the Lord Jesus
bless all of us
gathered here this evening.

In a week liturgically balanced between
the anniversary of Pentecost this past Sunday
and the celebration of the Trinitarian Life of
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
this coming weekend,
it is appropriate
that we ask a special blessing for our
theologian guests
whom we honor at this dinner.

May the Holy Spirit continue to
inspire them
as they struggle daily to penetrate
the mysteries of that loving creativity
by which we have become children of God.

May their insights
enrich our lives
and bring us even closer to an understanding of our Savior
whom we are called to follow and to imitate.

Bless the food which awaits us.
May it nourish our bodies for our daily tasks
just as surely as the Eucharist
the Body of Christ
prepares us for Eternity.

AMEN