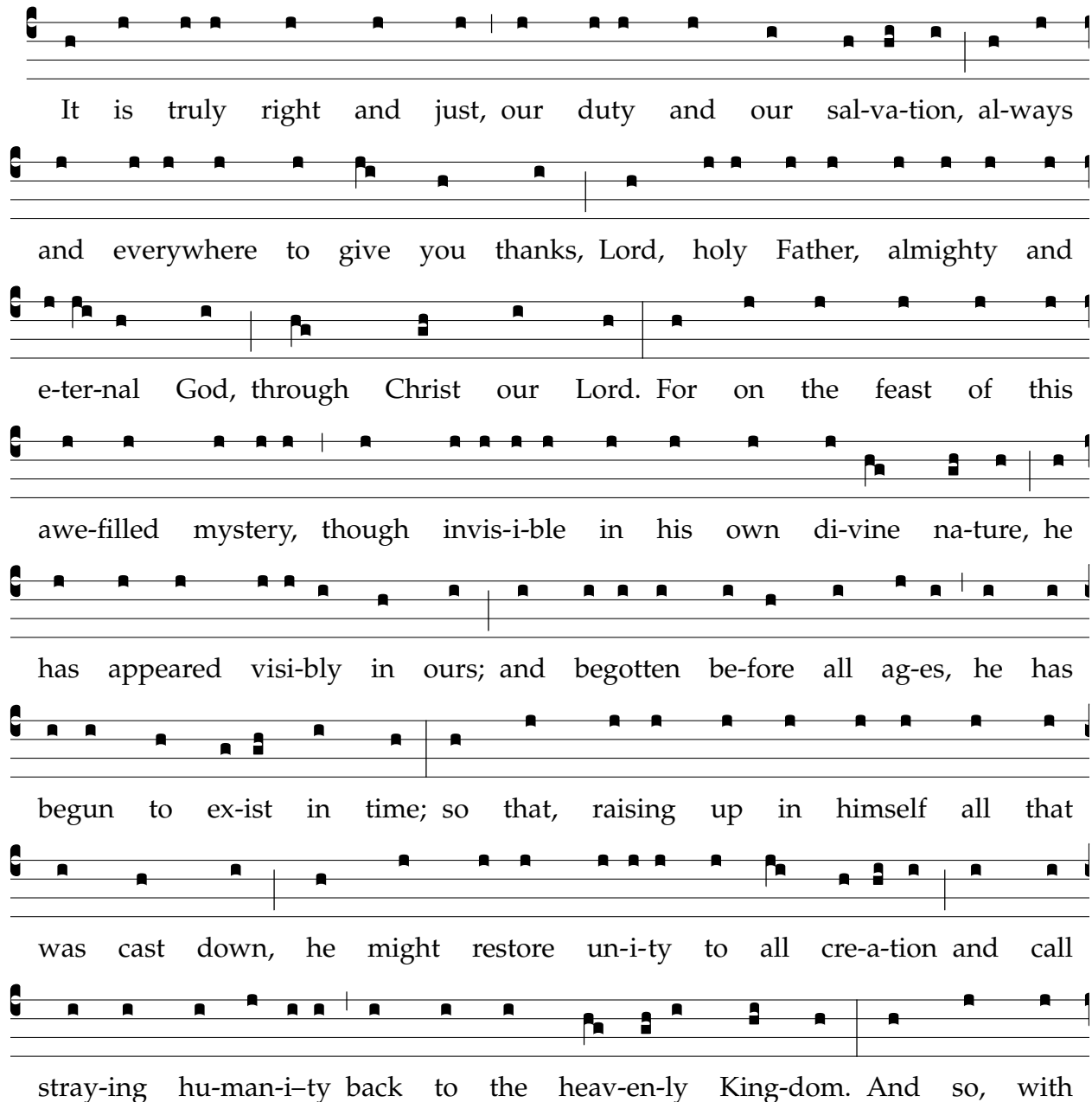
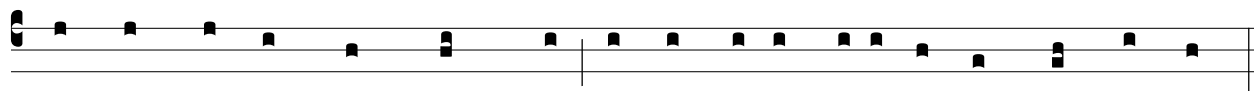


PREFACE II ON THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The restoration of all things in the Incarnation



It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways
and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and
e-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For on the feast of this
awe-filled mystery, though invis-i-ble in his own di-vine na-ture, he
has appeared visi-bly in ours; and begotten be-fore all ag-es, he has
begun to ex-ist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that
was cast down, he might restore un-i-ty to all cre-a-tion and call
stray-ing hu-man-i-ty back to the heav-en-ly King-dom. And so, with



all the An-gels, we praise you, as in joyful cele-bra-tion we ac-claim: