

PREFACE III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The exchange in the Incarnation of the Word

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, though Christ our Lord. For through him the

holy exchange that re-stores our life has shone forth to-day in

splen-dor: when our frailty is as-sumed by your Word not only does

human mortal-i-ty receive un-end-ing hon-or but by this won-drous

un-ion we, too, are made e-ter-nal. And so, in company with the

choirs of An-gels, we praise you, and with joy we pro-claim: