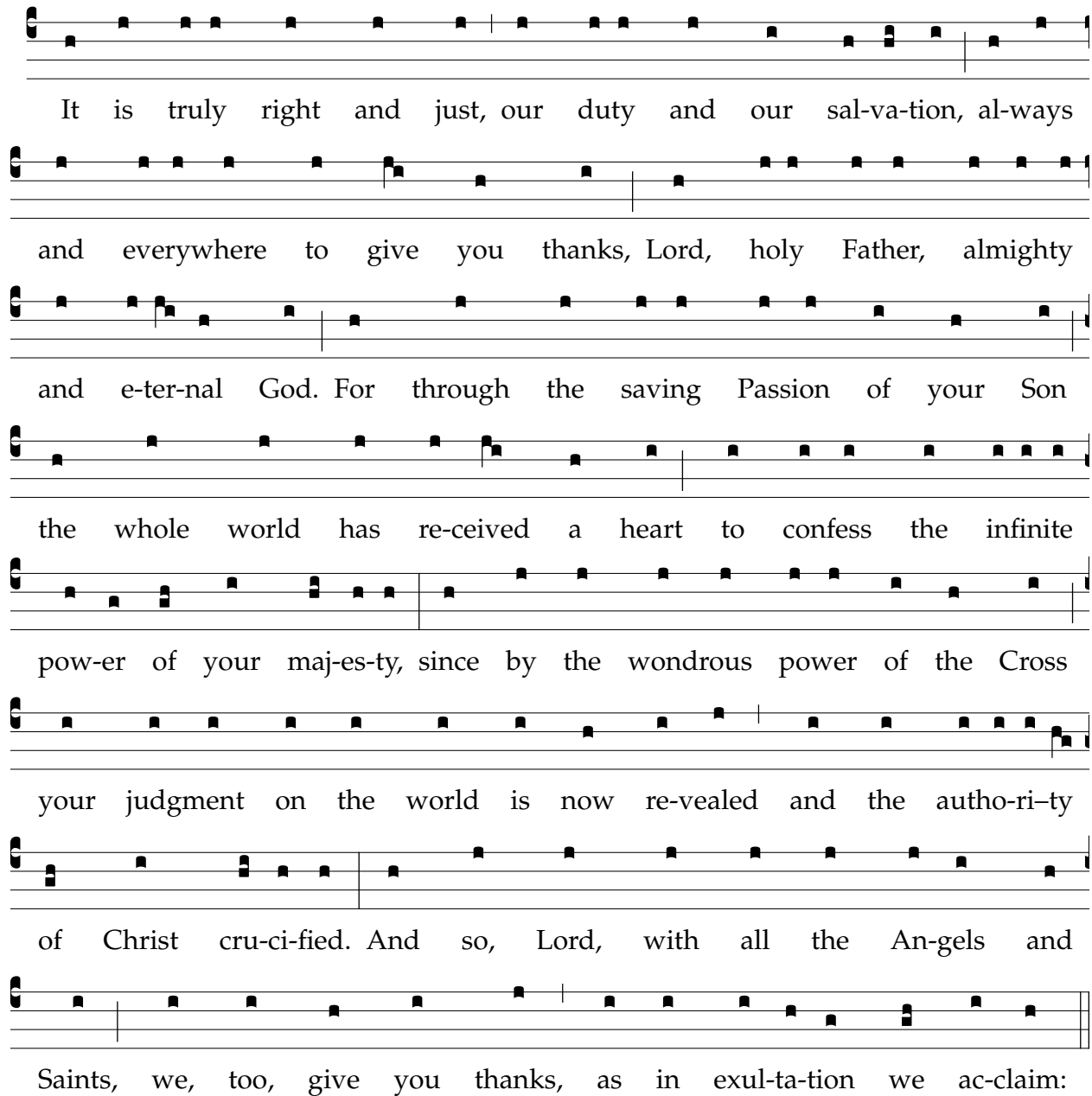


PREFACE I OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The power of the Cross



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. For through the saving Passion of your Son
the whole world has re-ceived a heart to confess the infinite
pow-er of your maj-es-ty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross
your judgment on the world is now re-vealed and the autho-ri-ty
of Christ cru-ci-fied. And so, Lord, with all the An-gels and
Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exul-tation we ac-claim: