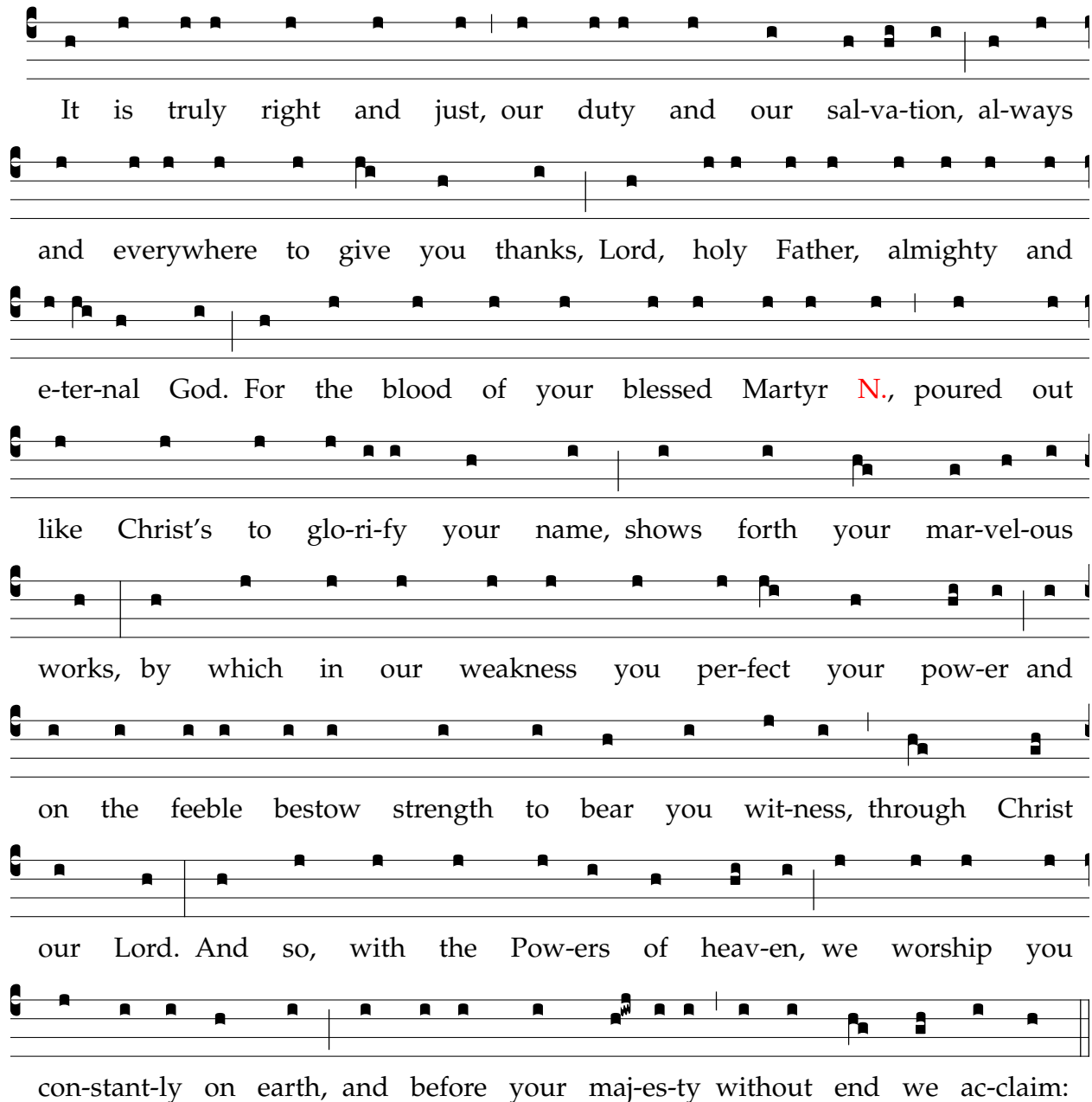


PREFACE I OF HOLY MARTYRS

The sign and example of martyrdom



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 the blood of your blessed Martyr **N.**, poured out
like Christ's to glo-ri-fy your name, shows forth your mar-vel-ous
works, by which in our weakness you per-fect your pow-er and
on the feeble bestow strength to bear you wit-ness, through Christ
our Lord. And so, with the Pow-ers of heav-en, we worship you
con-stant-ly on earth, and before your maj-es-ty without end we ac-claim: