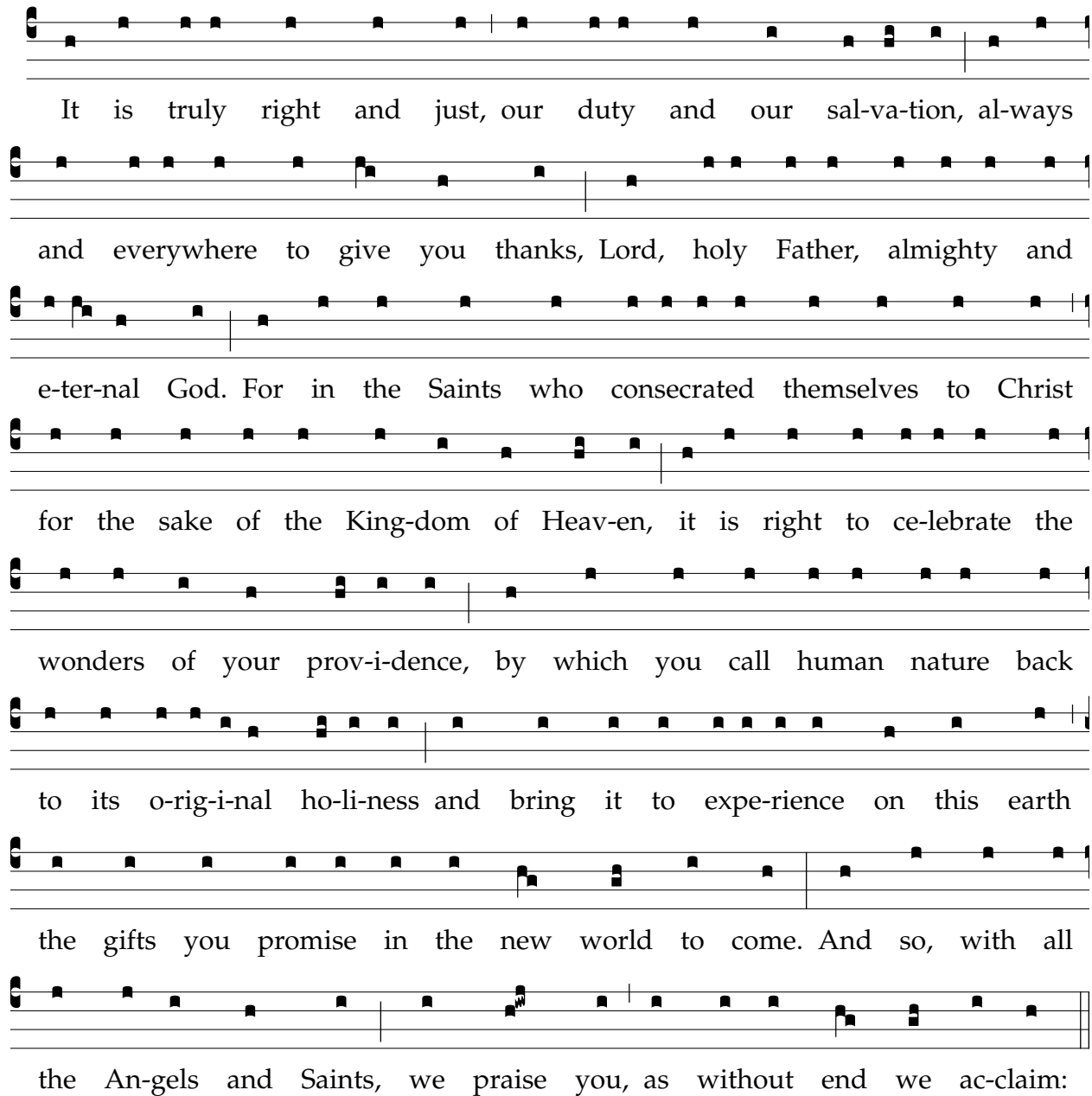


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The sign of a life consecrated to God



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 in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ
for the sake of the King-dom of Heav-en, it is right to ce-lebrate the
wonders of your prov-i-dence, by which you call human nature back
to its o-rig-i-nal ho-li-ness and bring it to expe-rience on this earth
the gifts you promise in the new world to come. And so, with all
the An-gels and Saints, we praise you, as without end we ac-claim: