

## PREFACE II OF 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 invisible 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 unity 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: