

COMMON PREFACE IV

Praise, the gift of God

The musical score is written on seven staves of five-line treble clefs. The notes are black dots with stems, and rests are indicated by vertical lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

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, although you have no need of our praise, yet  
our thanks-giv-ing is it-self your gift, since our praises add nothing  
to your great-ness, but profit us for sal-va-tion, through Christ  
our Lord. And so, in company with the choirs of An-gels, we  
praise you, and with joy we pro-claim: