

## PREFACE II OF ADVENT

### The twofold expectation of Christ

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 all the oracles of the  
proph-ets fore-told him, the Virgin Mother longed for him  
with love be-yond all tell-ing, John the Baptist sang of his com-ing  
and proclaimed his pres-ence when he came. It is by his gift that  
already we rejoice at the mystery of his Na-tiv-i-ty, so that he may  
find us watch-ful in prayer and ex-ult-ant in his praise. And  
so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Do-min-ions,  
and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of heav-en, we sing the hymn  
of your glo-ry, as without end we ac-claim: