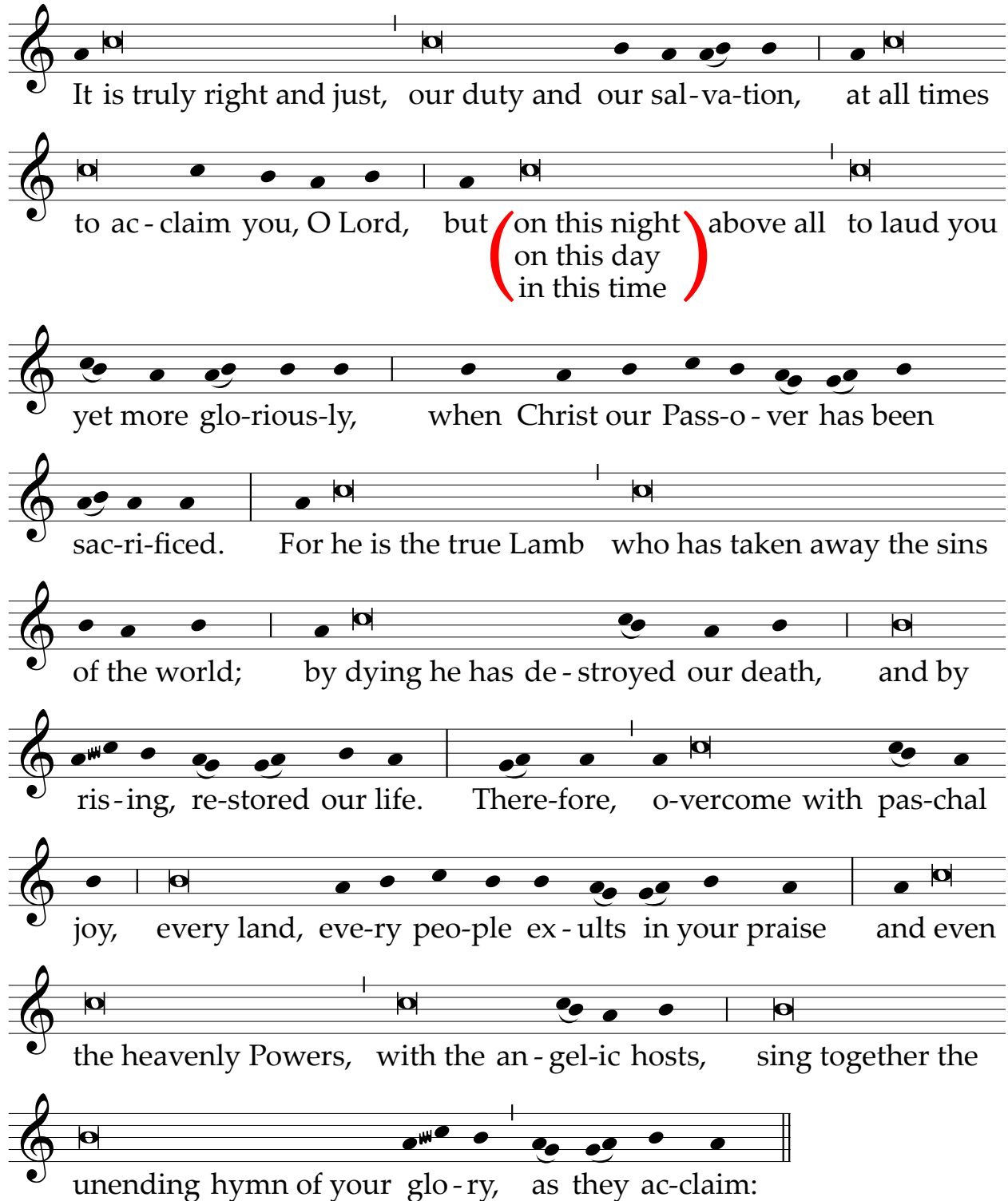


PREFACE I OF EASTER

The Paschal Mystery



It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, at all times
to ac-claim you, O Lord, but (on this night)
(on this day)
(in this time) above all to laud you
yet more glo-rious-ly, when Christ our Pass-o-ver has been
sac-ri-ficed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins
of the world; by dying he has de-stroyed our death, and by
ris-ing, re-stored our life. There-fore, o-vercome with pas-chal
joy, every land, eve-ry peo-ple ex-ul-ts in your praise and even
the heavenly Powers, with the an-gel-ic hosts, sing together the
unending hymn of your glo-ry, as they ac-claim: