

# PREFACE I OF APOSTLES

## The Apostles, shepherds of God's people



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 you, eternal Shepherd, do not de-sert your flock,  
but through the blessed A-pos-tles watch over it and pro-tect it  
al-ways, so that it may be governed by those you have ap-  
-point-ed shep-herds to lead it in the name of your Son. 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:

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