

VEXILLA REGIS PRODEUNT

Venantius Fortunatus (d. circa 600AD)

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Soprano (S):

- System 1: Ve - xíl - la Re - gis pró - de - unt: Ful
- System 2: - get Cru-cis my sté - ri - um, Qua vi - ta mor-tem pér - tu - lit,
- System 3: Et mor - te vi - tam pró - tu - lit.

Alto (A):

- System 1: R F R D R M F R M M R D L T e D R
- System 2: Cru - cis my sté - ri - um, Qua vi - ta mor - -
- System 3: tem pér - tu - lit, Et mor - te vi - tam pró - tu - lit.

Tenor (T):

- System 1: F S Te L S F S M F S L T e L D T e L S F S L T e
- System 2: - get Cru - cis my sté - ri - um, Qua vi - ta mor - -
- System 3: pér - tu - lit, Et mor - te vi - tam pró - tu - lit.

Bass (B):

- System 1: Ve - xíl - la Re - gis pró - de - unt: Ful - get
- System 2: R T e R L R S D R L R S F
- System 3: Cru - cis my sté - ri - um, Qua vi - ta mor - -

REFRAIN: *The banners of the King go forth, the mystery of the cross shines, by which our Life bore death and by death gave us life.*

*The elegant English translations are
by Fr. Adrian Fortescue (d. 1923)*

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2. To wash us from
the stain of sin he
was pierced by the
sharp point of the
lance and shed water
and blood.

2. Quae vul - ne - rá - ta lán - ce - ae Mu-cró-ne di - ro, crí - mi - num
Ut nos la - vá - ret sór - di - bus, Ma-ná - vit un - da et sán - guí ne..

3. What David in his
true hymn told to
the nations is now
fulfilled: God reigns
from the tree.

3. Im - plé - ta sunt quae cón - ci - nit Da-víd fí - dé - li cár - mi - ne,
Di-cén-do na - ti - ó - ni - bus: Re - gná - vit a - li - gno_ De - us..

4. Fair and radiant
tree, with royal
purple adorned,
chosen to touch
so sacred limbs
with thy boughs.

4. Ar - bor_ de - có - ra et fúl - gi - da, Or - ná - ta Re - gis púr - pu - ra,
E - lé - cta di - gno stí - pi - te Tam san - cta mem - bra tán - ge - re..

5. Blessed cross,
on whose arms the
redemption of the
world is borne; thou,
from whom his body
hangs, dost snatch
from hell its prey.

5. Be - á - ta, cu - jus brá - chi - is Pré - tium pe - pén - dit saé - cu - li:
Sta - té - ra fa - cta cór - po - ris, Tu - lít - que praé - dam tár - ta - ri..

6. O cross hail, our
only hope! At this
passion-tide increase
grace to the good
and take sin from
the wicked.

6. O Crux_ a - ve, spes ú - ni - ca, Hoc Pas - si - ó - nis tém - po - re,
Pi - is ad - áu - ge grá - ti - am, Re - ís - que de - le crí - mi - na..

7. Thee, holy Trinity
fount of salvation,
let every spirit praise.
To whom thou givest
the victory of the
cross, to them give
also its prize.

7. Te, fons sa - lú - tis Trí - ni - tas, Col-láu-det ó - mnis spí - ri - tus: Qui-bus
Cru cis vi - ctó - ri - am, Lar - gí - ris, ad - de praé - mi - um. A - men.