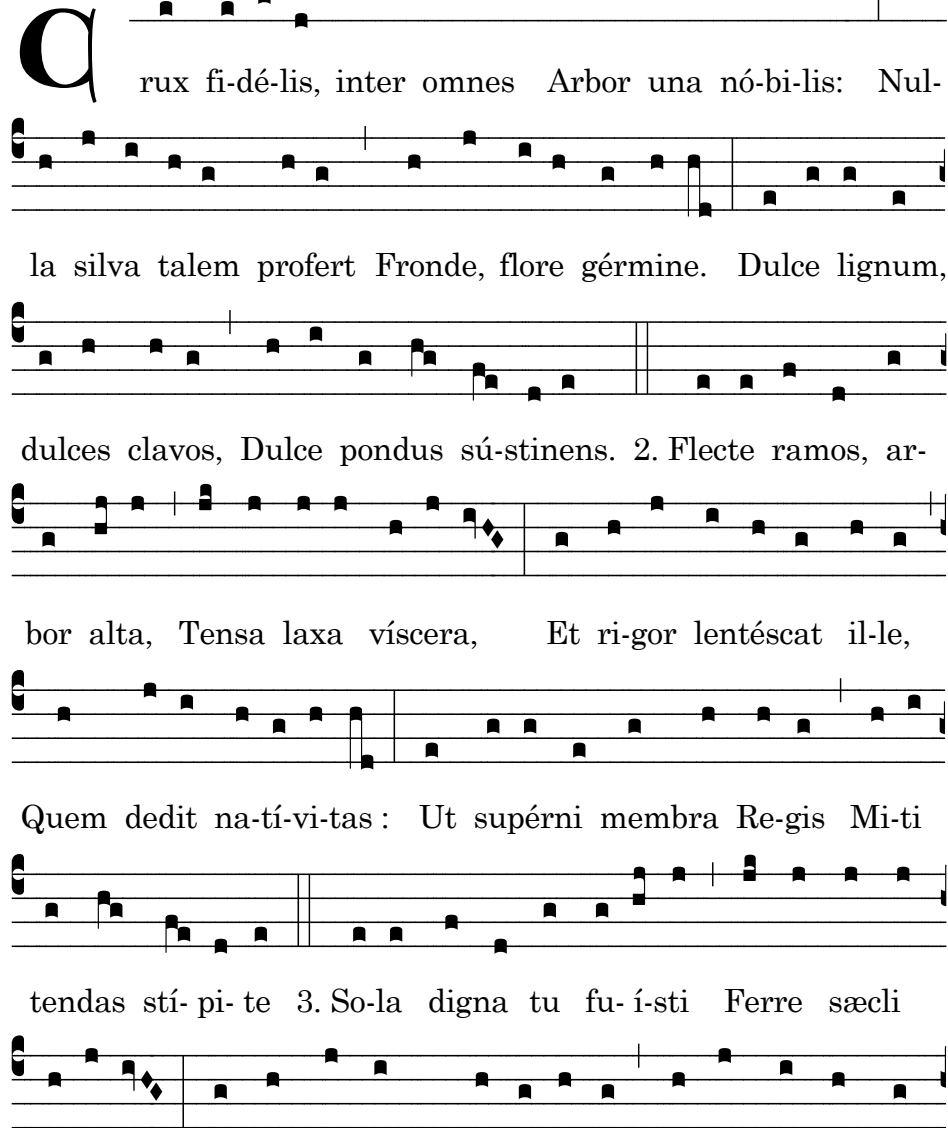


HYMN : CRUX FIDELIS

Compline Hymn for Passiontide

Hymnus



Cru-x fi-dé-lis, inter omnes Arbor una nó-bi-lis: Nul-
la silva talem profert Fronde, flore gérmine. Dulce lignum,
dulces clavos, Dulce pondus sú-stinens. 2. Flecte ramos, ar-
bor alta, Tensa laxa víscera, Et ri-gor lentéscat il-le,
Quem dedit na-tí-vi-tas: Ut supérni membra Re-gis Mi-ti
tendas stí-pi-te 3. So-la digna tu fu-í-sti Ferre sæcli
pré-ti-um, Atque portum præpa-rá-re Nauta mundo náu-



fra-go : Quem sacer cru- or perúnxit, Fusus Agni córpo-re
4. Gló-ri- a et honor De- o Usquequo Altíssimo : Uni Pa-
tri, Fi-li- óque, Incly-to Parácli- to : Cu- i laus est et po-
téstas Per ætérna sæcu- la. Amen.

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1. Faithful cross, a tree so noble, Never grew in grove or wood;
Never leaf or blossom flourished, Fair as on thy branches glowed;
Sweet the wood and sweet the iron, Bearing up so dear a load.

2. Ah! relax thy native rigour, Bend thy branches, lofty tree!
Melt, O wood, in tender mercy! Christ, the King of Glory, see!
Veiled in human sin and sorrow, Slain, from sin the world to free.

3. Thou alone art found all worthy Earth's dread sacrifice to bear;
Thus to save the world from ruin, And the way to heaven prepare;
By his sacred blood anointed, Thou, O Tree, art wondrous fair.

4. Everlasting praise and glory To the blessed Trinity;
Glory to the heavenly Father, To the Son like glory be;
Glory to the Holy Spirit, God eternal, one in three.