

HYMN : VEXILLA REGIS

Ambrosian Vespers Hymn for Passiontide

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Exil-la Re-gis pród-e-unt: Fulget Crucis mysté-
ri-um, Qua Vi-ta mortem pértu-lit, Et mor-te vi-tam
réddi-dit. 2. Figunt cru-én-ti Nú-mi-nis Calvi manus, ve-
stí-gi-a: Redempti-ó-nis grá-ti-a Hic im-mo-láta est
hósti-a. 3. Post vulne-rá-tus ím-pi-æ Mucró-ne di-ro
lánce-æ, Ut nos la-vá-ret crí-mi-ne Maná-vit unda
Sánguine. 4. Implé-ta sunt quæ cón-ci-nit Da-vid fi-dé-li



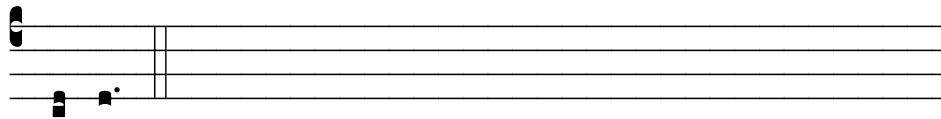
cármí-ne, Dicéndo na-ti-ó-ni-bus: Regná-vit a ligno De-
us. 5. Arbor decó-ra et fúl-gi-da Orná-ta Re-gis púrpu-
ra, E-lécta digno stí-pi-te Tam san-cta membra tángé-
re. 6. Be-á-ta, cu-jus brá-chi-is Salus pepéndit sæcu-li:
Sta-té-ra facta est córpo-ris, Tu-lít-que prædam Tárta-ri.
7. O Crux ave, spes ú-ni-ca, Hoc Pas-si-ó-nis témpo-re,
Pi-is adáuge grá-ti-am Re-is-que de-le crí-mi-na. 8. Te



summa, cæ- li Tri- ni-tas, Collaudet omnis spí-ri- tus :



Quos per Crucis mysté-ri- um Salvas, tu-é- re jú-gi- ter.



Amen.

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1. The standards of the King appear, the mystery of the Cross shines out in glory - the mystery wherein the creator of man's flesh in His own flesh hung on the gibbet.
2. Here the victim, His body pierced with nails, stretched out His hands and feet and was sacrificed for our redemption.
3. And while He was still on the Cross, His side was wounded by the spear's cruel point, and poured out water and blood to wash away our sins.
4. The words of David's true prophetic song were fulfilled, in which he announced to the nations: 'God has reigned from a tree.'
5. Tree of dazzling beauty, adorned with the purple of the King's blood, and chosen from a stock worthy to bear the limbs so sacred!
6. How favoured the tree on whose branches hung the ransom of the world; it was made a balance on which His body was weighed, and bore away the prey that hell had claimed.
7. Hail, Cross, our only hope. In this season of Passiontide give an increase of holiness to the good and pardon to sinners.
8. Let every spirit praise You, God, mighty Trinity. Through all the ages be King of those that You saved through the mystery of the Cross. Amen.