


CRUX FIDELIS

Gregorian, Mode I

Graduale Romanum


Text: *Crux fidelis* / *Pange, lingua, gloriosi proelium certaminis*, Fortunatus; tr. P. Dearmer and J.M. Neale

I. 
Faithful Cross, a - bove all o - ther One and on - ly no - ble tree:



None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, None in fruit thy peer may be;


Sweetest wood and sweetest i - ron, Sweetest weight is hung on thee.


1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious bat - tle, Sing the end - ing of the fray;


Now a - bove the Cross, the tro - phy, Sound the loud tri - um-phunt lay:



Tell how Christ, the world's Re - deem-er, As a Vic - tim won the day.

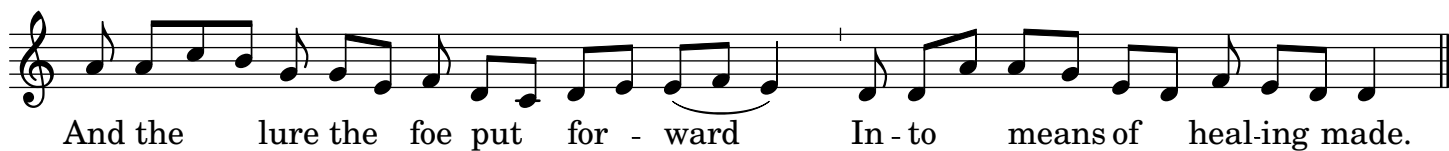

2. God in pit - y saw man fal - len, Shamed and sunk in mis-er - y,


When he fell on death by tast - ing Fruit of the for - bid-den tree;


Then an - oth-er tree was cho - sen Which the world from death should free.


3. Thus the scheme of our sal - va - tion Was of old in or - der laid,


That the man-i - fold de - ceiv - er's Art by art might be outweighed,



4. Therefore when the appointed full - ness Of the ho - ly time was come,



He was sent who mak - eth all things Forth from God's e - ter - nal home;



Thus he came to earth, in - car - nate, Off - spring of a mai - den's womb.



5. Lo! he lies, an infant weep - ing, Where the nar - row man - ger stands:



While the Mo - thermaid his mem - bers Wraps in mean and low - ly bands:



And the swaddling clothes are wind - ing Round God's help - less feet and hands.



6. Thirty years a - mong us dwel - ling, His ap - point - ed time ful - filled,



Born for this, He meets His Pas - sion, For that this He free - ly willed,



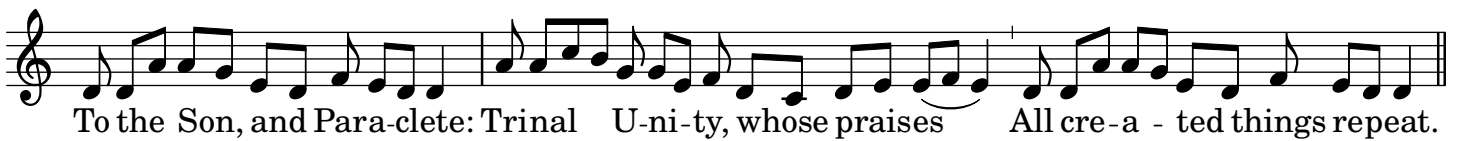
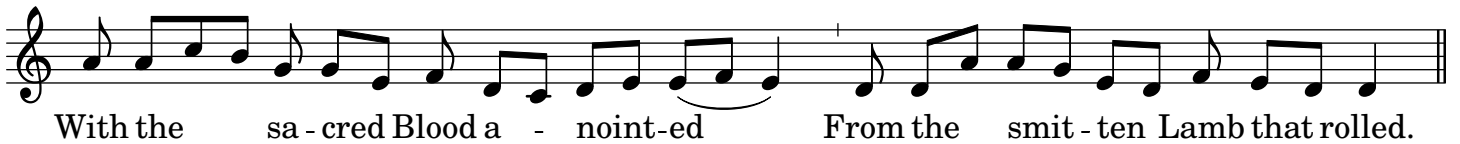
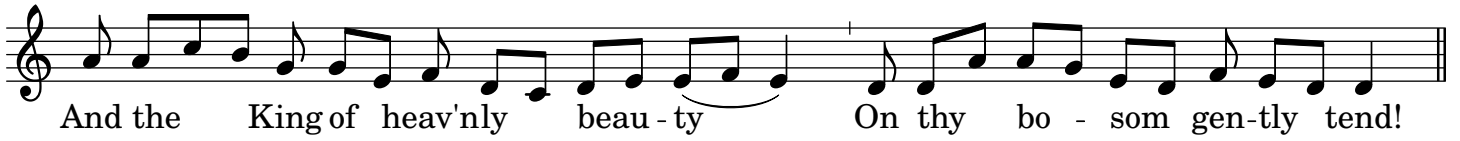
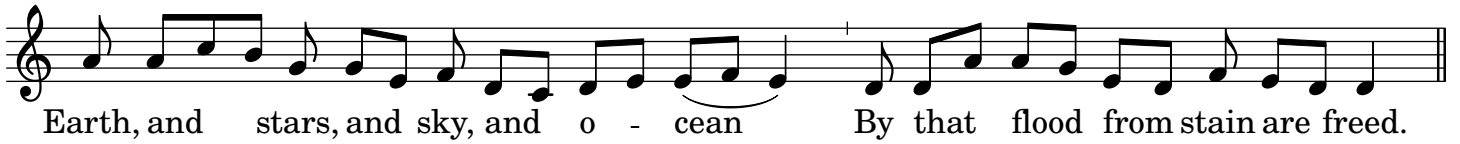
On the Cross the Lamb is lift - ed Where his life - blood shall be spilled.



7. He en - dured the nails, the spit - ting, Vin - e - gar, and spear, and reed;



From that ho - ly Bo - dy bro - ken Blood and wa - ter forth pro - ceed:



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