

AMNS 58 The royal banners forward go

Melody: Vexilla Regis

Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-c. 600),
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Mode i



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go,
2. There whilst he hung, his sa - cred side
3. Ful - filled is now what Da - vid told
4. O Tree of glo - ry, Tree most fair,
5. Up - on its arms, like ba - lance true,
6. To thee, e - ter - nal Three in One,



the Cross shines forth in mys - tic glow; where he
by sol - dier's spear was o - pened wide, to cleanse
in true pro - phe - tic song of old, how God
or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear, how bright
he weighed the price for sin - ners due, the price
let hom - age meet by all be done: as by



in flesh, our flesh who made, our sen - tence
us in the pre - cious flood of wa - ter
the hea - then's King should be; for God is
in pur - ple robe it stood, the pur - ple
which none but he could pay, and spoiled the
the Cross thou dost re - store, so rule and



bore, our ran - som paid.
min - gled with his blood.
reign - ing from the tree.
of a Sa - viour's blood!
spoil - er of his prey.
guide us ev - er - more. A - men.