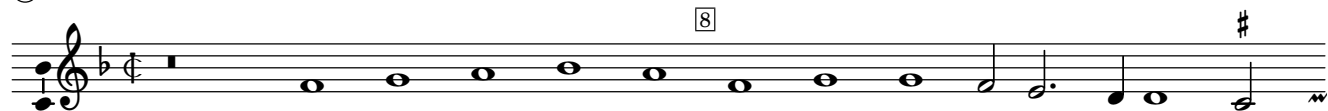# Vexilla regis prodeunt

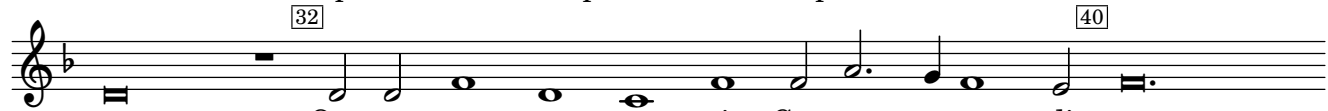Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) **Cantus** Pierre de la Rue (c. 1452 – 1518)

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6. Be - a - ta, cu - ius bra - chi -

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3. *per mu - cro - ne di - - ro lan - ce -*
4. nit Da - vid fi - de - - li car - mi -
5. *da, or - na - ta Re - - gis pur - pu -*
6. is pre - ti - um pe - - pen-dit sae - cu -

1. um, Quo car - ne car nis Con - - - di - tor
3. *ae, ut nos la - va - ret cri - - mi - ne,*
4. ne, di - cen - do na - ti - o - - ni - bus:
5. *ra, e - lec - ta di - gno sti - - pi - te*
6. li: sta - te - ra fac - ta cor - - po - ris,
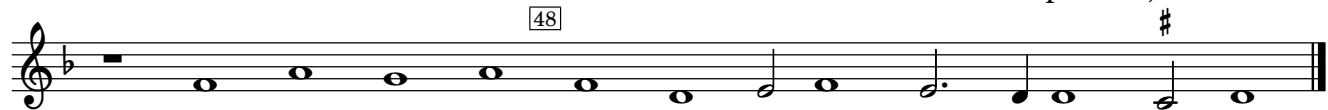
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quos per Crucis mysterium
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Translation:

1   Abroad the regal banners fly,
         now shines the Cross's mystery:
     upon it Life did death endure,
         and yet by death did life procure.

2   Behold! The nails with anguish
             fierce,
         His outstretched arms and vitals
             pierce:
     Here our redemption to obtain,
         The Mighty Sacrifice is slain.

3   Who, wounded with a direful spear,
         did purposely to wash us clear
     from stain of sin, pour out a flood
         of precious water mixed with
             blood.

4   That which the prophet-king of old
         hath in mysterious verse foretold,
     is now accomplished, whilst we see
         God ruling the nations from a
             Tree.

5   O lovely and refulgent Tree,
         adorned with purpled majesty;
     culled from a worthy stock, to bear
         those limbs which sanctified were.

6   Blest Tree, whose happy branches
             bore
         the wealth that did the world re-
             store;
     the beam that did that Body weigh
         which raised up Hell's expected
             prey.

7   You pour out a sweet scent from your
             bark
         Your victory comes with the
             odour of nectar,
     Rejoicing in your fertile fruit
         You cheer in noble triumph.

8   Hail wondrous Altar! Victim hail!
         Thy Glorious Passion shall avail!
     Where death Life's very Self endured,
         Yet life by that same Death se-
             cured.

9   Hail Cross, of hopes the most sub-
             lime!
         Now, in the mournful Passion
             time;
     grant to the just increase of grace,
         and every sinner's crimes efface.

10   Blest Trinity, salvation's spring
         may every soul Thy praises sing;
     to those Thou grantest conquest by
         the Holy Cross, rewards supply.

Translation by Walter Kirkham Blount (d 1717) except verses 2, 7, and 8, which are not used liturgically. 2 and 8 are from choralwiki, and 7 is from <http://www.recmusic.org/lieder/get_text.html?TextId=90742>.

Verses 9 and 10 were not by Fortunatus, but gradually replaced 7 and 8 after the 10th century; verse 2 was retained in the breviary although not used in the liturgy.

So it probably does not make sense to perform all 10 verses. Either do 1, 3-6, 9, 10 if you're trying for the hymn as de la Rue probably knew it, or do 1-8 if you want it as Fortunatus wrote it.

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Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) **Tenor** Pierre de la Rue (c. 1452 – 1518)

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5. *Ar - bor de-co - ra et ful - gi - da,*
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3. *mu - cro - ne di - ro lan - ce -*
4. Da - vid fi - de - li car - mi -
5. *or - na - ta Re - gis pur - pu -*
6. pre - ti - um pe - pen - dit sae-cu-

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3. *- - ae, ut nos la - - va - ret cri -*
4. - - ne, di - - cen - - do na - ti - o -
5. *- - ra, e - - lec - - ta di - gno sti -*
6. - - li: sta - - te - - ra fac - ta cor -

1. - - - di tor Su - spensus est pa - ti bu - - - lo.
3. *- mi - ne, man - a - vit un - da et san - gui - ne.*
4. - ni - bus: re - gna-vit a li - gno De - - us.
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6. - po - ris, prae-dam tu - lit - que tar - ta - - ri.

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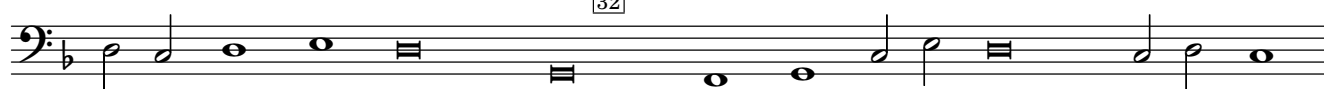Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) **Bassus** Pierre de la Rue (c. 1452 – 1518)

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3. *mu - cro - ne di - ro lan - ce - ae,*
4. Da - vid fi - de - li car - mi - ne,
5. *or - na - ta Re - gis pur-pu - ra,*
6. pre - ti - um pe - pen-dit sae-cu - li:

1. Quo car - ne car - nis
3. *ut nos la - va - ret*
4. di - cen - do na - ti -
5. *e - lec - ta di - gno*
6. sta - te - ra fac - ta

1. Con - di - tor Su - spen-sus est pa - ti bu - lo.
3. *cri - mi - ne, man - a - vit un - da et san - gui - ne.*
4. - o - ni - bus: re - gna - vit a li-gno De - us.
5. *sti - pi - te tam san - cta mem - bra tan - ge - re.*
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Gospel according to Matthew   **Altus**   Pierre de la Rue (c. 1452 – 1518)

1 ② 3 4

Pas - si - o do mi-ni no-stri Je - su Chri - sti

se - cun-dum Mat-thae - um. In il - lo

tem - po -re di-xit Je -sus di - sci pu-lis su - - is:

Tri - - stis est a - ni - ma me -

a us-que ad mor - tem Je sus au - tem

i - te-rum vo - ce ma-gna cla - mans e - mi-sit spi - ri - tum.

Translation:

The word of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: My soul is sorrowful, even unto death. Then Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit.

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Pas-si-o do mi ni no-stri Je-su Chri - sti se-cundum Matthae - um.

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In il - lo tem-po-re dixit Je-sus di-sci pulis su - - is:

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5. - pu - - ra, e - lec - ta di - - gno sti - - pi -
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