

Hail the Cross our only hope

♩ = 65 F#m E D A/C# Bm C#m D E

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

9 F#m E D A/C# C#

S.
A.

Hail the cross, our on - ly hope. Hail the cross, our on - ly hope.

T.
B.

13 Bm C#m D E D E F#m

S.
A.

Hail the cross, our on - ly hope, our joy and our sal - va - tion.

T.
B.

17 F#m mp E D A/C# C#

S.
A.

Faith - ful cross the Saints re - ly on, No - ble tree be - yond com - pare!
For, when A - dam first o - ffend - ed, Eat - ing that for - bid - den fruit;
Hear a ti - ny ba - by cry - ing, Foun - der of the seas and lands;

T.
B.

21 Bm C#m D E D E C#m F#m

S.
A.

Ne - ver was there such a vine and ne - ver leaf or flower so rare.
Not all hope of glo - ry end - ed with the ser - pent at the root;
See his vir - gin Moth - er ty - ing Cloth a - round his feet and hands;

T.
B.

25 *F#m mf* D E⁷ Dmaj⁷ C# D C#m F#m

S. Sweet the tim - ber, sweet the ir - on, Sweet the bur - den that they bear!
 A. Bro - ken na - ture would be mend - ed by a sec - ond tree and shoot.
 Find him in a man - ger ly - ing tight - ly wrapped in swadd - ling - bands!

T.
 B.

4. So he came, the long expected,
 Not in glory, not to reign;
 Only born to be rejected,
 Choosing hunger, toil and pain,
 Till the scaffold was erected
 And the Paschal Lamb was slain.

5. No disgrace was too abhorrent:
 Nailed and mocked and parched he died;
 Blood and water, wondrous current,
 Issue from his wounded side.
 Washing in a mighty torrent
 Earth and stars and ocean tide.

6. Lofty timber, smooth your roughness,
 Flex your boughs for blossoming;
 Let your fibres lose their toughness,
 Gently let your tendrils cling;
 Clothing now your wood with softness,
 Clasp the body of your King!

7. Sing, my tongue, in exultation
 Of our banner and device!
 Make a solemn proclamation
 Of a triumph and its price:
 How the Saviour of creation
 Conquered by his sacrifice!

8. Wisdom, power, and adoration
 To the blessed Trinity
 For redemption and salvation
 Through the Paschal Mystery,
 Now, in every generation,
 And for all eternity,
 Amen.