Abroad the Regal Banners Fly

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Sir Percy Carter Buck.
1. A - broad the re - gal ban-ners fly, Now shines the Cross-'s my - ster - y:
3. That which the pro - phet king of old Hath in my - ste-rious verse fore - told,
5. Blest Tree, whose hap - py branch-es bore The wealth that did the world re - store;
Up - on it Life did death en-dure, And yet by death did life pro-cure.
Is now ac - com-plished, whilst we see God rul - ing na - tions from a Tree.
The beam that did that Bo - dy weigh Which raised up hell's ex - pect - ed prey.
2. Who, wound-ed with a dire-ful spear, Did, pur-pose - ly to wash us clear
4. O love - ly and re - ful-gent Tree, Ad-orned with pur - ple ma - jes - ty;
6. Hail Cross, our hope; on thee we call, Who keep this mourn-ful fe - sti - val;
From stain of sin, pour out a flood Of pre - cious wa - ter mixed with blood.
Culled from a worth - y stock, to bear Those limbs which san - cti - fi - éd were.
Grant to the just in-crease of grace, And ev - ery sin-ner's crimes ef - face.

7. Blest Trinity, we praises sing To Thee, from whom all graces spring; Celestial crowns on those bestow Who conquer by the Cross below.

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