Faith-ful Cross the Saints rely on, Noble tree beyond compare!

Nev-er was there such a scion, Nev-er leaf or flower so rare.

Sweet the tim-ber, sweet the i-ron, Sweet the bur-den that
After odd verses the first two lines of the antiphon are sung, “Faithful...rare.”

Cantors: After even verses the last two lines of the antiphon are sung, “Sweet the timber...bear!”

1. Sing, my tongue, in exul-ta-tion Of our ban-ner and
dev-ice! Make a sol-lemn procla-ma-tion Of a
den fruit, Not all hopes of glo-ry end-ed With the
er still: Rem-e-dy and ail-ment fit-ted, Means to
1. triumph and its price: How the Savior of creation
2. serpent at the root: Broken nature would be
3. cure and means to kill; That the world might be acceptable

1. action Conquered by his sacrifice! “Faithful...rare.”
2. mend-ed By a second tree and shoot. “Sweet...bear!”
3. quit-ted, Christ would do his Father's will. “Faithful...rare.”

All:

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on, Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a science, never leaf or flower so rare.

Sweet the timber, sweet the iron, sweet the burden that they bear!
Cantors:

4. So the Father, out of pity For our self inflicted
5. Hear a tiny baby crying, Founder of the seas
6. So he came, the long expected, Not in glory, not

4. ed doom, Sent him from the heavenly city When
5. and strands; See his virgin Mother tying Cloth
6. to reign; Only born to be rejected, Choos-

4. the holy time had come: He, the Son and the Al-
5. around his feet and hands; Find him in a man-ger
6. ing hunger, toil and pain, Till the scaffold was e-
4. might- y, Took our flesh in Mar- y’s womb. “Sweet...bear!”
5. ly- ing Tight-ly wrapped in swaddl- ing bands! “Faithful...rare.”
6. rect- ed And the Pas- chal Lamb was slain. “Sweet...bear!”

Cantors:

7. No dis- grace was too ab- hor- rent: Nailed and
8. Loft- y tim- ber, smooth your rough- ness, Flex your
10. Wis- dom, power, and ad- o- ra- tion To the

7. mocked and parched he died; Blood and wa- ter, dou-
8. boughs for blos- som- ing; Let your fi- bers lose
9. jew- eled and em- bossed: Post by Lamb’s blood con-
10. bless- ed Trin- i- ty For re- demp- tion and

Let your fi- bers lose
7. ble warrant, Issue from his wounded side,
8. their toughness, Gently let your tendrils cling;
9. secrat ed; Spar that saves the tempest tossed;
10. salvation Through the Paschal Mystery,

7. Washing in a mighty torrent Earth and stars and
8. Lay aside your native gruffness, Clasp the body
9. Scaffold beam which, elevated, Carries what the
10. Now, in every generation, And for all e-

7. ocean tide. “Faithful...rare.”
8. of your King! “Sweet...bear!”
9. world has cost! “Faithful...rare.”
10. termination. “Sweet...bear!”

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