



PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

CRUX FIDELIS — FAITHFUL CROSS

Saint Venantius Fortunatus, 6th century

Sung at the adoration of the Cross on Good Friday



LATIN

Crux fidélis, inter omnes
arbor una nóbilis: nulla
silva talem profert, fronde, flore,
gérmine. Dulce lignum, dulces
clavos, dulce pondus sústinet.

ENGLISH

Faithful Cross, alone among
all trees in nobility: no
forest brings forth its like, in leaf,
in flower, in fruit. Sweet the
wood, sweet the nails, sweet the
weight it bears.

Amen.

