

649 The royal banners forward go

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Unison

1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, the cross shines

forth in mys - tic glow; where he in flesh, our flesh who made, our

sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid. A men.

Last time

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2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side
by soldier's spear was opened wide,
to cleanse us in the precious flood
of water mingled with his blood.

3. Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the sinner's king should be;
for God is reigning from the tree.

4. O tree of glory, tree most fair,
ordained those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in purple robe it stood,
the purple of a Saviour's blood!

5. To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done,
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore.
Amen.