

## O crux ave spes unica

## Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (15 September) [hymn by Venantius Fortunatus (c.535-c.605)]

Giaches de Wert (1535-1596)

*Il secondo libro de motetti a 5 voci* (Girolamo Scotto press, Venice, 1581)

## O crux ave spes unica: (score)

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ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - - is, au - ge pi - is iu -  
is iu - sti - ti - am, iu - sti - - ti - am, au - ge pi - - is, au -  
is iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - - is iu - sti - ti - am, iu - sti -  
Au - ge pi - - is, au - ge pi - - is iu - sti - ti -  
is iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - - is iu -

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sti - ti - am re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, ve - ni - am,  
ge pi - - is iu - sti - ti - am  
- ti - am re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na  
am re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na  
sti - ti - am re - is que do - na ve - ni - am,

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do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am,  
re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, au - ge pi -  
ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, ve - ni - am, au -  
na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, do - na ve - ni -  
re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, do - na ve - ni - am, au - ge

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au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti-am, au - ge pi - is, au - ge pi - is

is iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am, iu -

ge pi - is iu - sti - ti-am, iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi - is,

am, au - ge pi - is, au - ge pi - is iu -

pi - is iu - sti - ti - am, au - ge pi -

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iu - sti - ti - am re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, ve - ni -

sti - ti - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do -

au - ge pi - is iu - sti - ti - am,

sti - ti - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is

is iu - sti - ti - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni -

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am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am.

- na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am.

re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am.

que do - na, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am.

am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am, re - is que do - na ve - ni - am.

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hoc passionis tempore.  
Auge piis justitiam,  
reis que dona veniam.

Hail, O Cross, our only hope  
in time of Passion.  
Increase justice for the pious,  
and grant pardon to the sinful.