

# Cross of Christ! Lead onward

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The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system has a measure number '5' above the treble staff. The second system has a measure number '10' above the treble staff. The third system has a measure number '15' above the treble staff. The fourth system has a measure number '20' above the treble staff. The music features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic lines in the treble staff.

Cross of Christ! lead onward,  
Through the holy war;  
In this sign we conquer  
Now and evermore.  
Not of man the power,  
Not to man the fame;  
We are victors only  
In our Leader's name.

### Refrain

*Cross of Christ! lead onward,  
Through the holy war;  
In this sign we conquer  
Now and evermore.*

Not with pomp and pageant,  
Not in earthly pride;  
We must fight our battles  
Like the Crucified.  
Overcome by suff'ring,  
Conquer through defeat;  
Tried and tested daily  
In the furnace heat.

### Refrain

Kind, yet we are fighting,  
Bold, yet humbly meek;  
Resting while we're working,  
Strong, but ever weak.  
Timid, though courageous,  
Gaining as we give;  
Crucified with Jesus,  
Yet, in Him, we live.

### Refrain

Marching in the pathway  
That the Master trod,  
Walks One daily with us  
Like the Son of God.  
To the end enduring,  
Armor ne'er laid down,  
Till the Cross leads upward  
To the blood-bought crown.

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