THE WAR SONG OF THE CHURCH



- 2. Arm! the conflict has begun; Fight! the battle must be won; lift the banner to the sky, wave its blazing folds on high!
- 3. Banner of the blessed tree, round its glory gather ye!
 Warriors of the crown and cross, what is earthly gain or loss?
- 4. Life with death, and death with life, closes now in deadly strife; help us with thy shield and sword, King and Captain, mighty Lord!
- 5. King of glory thou alone!
 King of kings, thy name we own!
 With thy banner overhead,
 not ten thousand foes we dread.
- 6. Spare not toil, nor blood, nor pain; not a stroke descends in vain; wounded, still no foot we yield on the ancient battle-field.
- 7. More than conquerors even now, with the war-sweat on our brow, onward o'er the well-marked road, march we as the host of God.
- 8. Royal is the sword we wield, royal is our battle-field, royal is our victory, royal shall our triumph be.

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