

# ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Music: ST. GERTRUDE, 6.5.6.5. *with Refrain*; A.S. Sullivan, 1871

Text: S. Baring-Gould, 1865

1. Onward, Christian sol-diers, March-ing as to war, With the cross of  
2. At the sign of tri-umph Sa-tan's host doth flee; On then, Christian  
3. Like a migh-ty ar-my Moves the church of God; Brothers, we are

Je-sus Go-ing on be-fore. Christ, the roy-al Mas-ter,  
sol-diers, On to vic-to-ry! Hell's foun-da-tions qui-ver  
tread-ing Where the saints have trod. We are not di-vid-ed,

Leads a-against the foe; Forward in-to bat-tle See His ban-ners go!  
At the shout of praise; Brothers lift your voi-ces, Loud your anthems raise.  
All one bo-dy we, One in hope and doc-trine, One in cha-ri-ty.

Refrain  
On-ward, Chris-tian sol-diers, March-ing as to war,

With the cross of Je-sus Go-ing on be-fore.

4. What the saints established  
That I hold for true.  
What the saints believèd,  
That I believe too.  
Long as earth endureth,  
Men the faith will hold,  
Kingdoms, nations, empires,  
In destruction rolled.
5. Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'gainst that church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
and that cannot fail.
6. Onward then, ye people,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song.  
Glory, laud and honor  
Unto Christ the King,  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing.