

# Preparation Music

## We Gather Together

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing,  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er in bat - tle,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;  
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;  
And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning,  
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name, He for - gets not His own.  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: the glo - ry be Thine!  
Thy name be ev - er praised: O Lord, make us free!

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