

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - e - ver - more;
and my - stic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bles - ses, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she pres - ses, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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