

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 u - nion 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 schisms_ rent a - sun - der, by he - re - 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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