

The Church's one foundation

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“The holy catholic church: the communion of saints.” *Apostles' Creed*

“He is the Head of the Body, the Church.” *Colossians 1:18*

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From Heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride,
With His Own Blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

“Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” *1 Corinthians 3:11*

“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” *John 3:5*

“Even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it.” *Ephesians 5:25-26*

“The Church of God which He purchased with His Own Blood.” *Acts 20:28*

She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth,
One Holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one Holy Food,
And to one Hope she presses
With every grace endued.

“Out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.” *Revelation 5:9*

“We being many are one Bread and one Body.” *1 Corinthians 10:17*

“One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.” *Ephesians 4:5*

“There is none other Name under Heaven... whereby we must be saved.” *Acts 4:12*

“We all are partakers of that one Bread.” *1 Corinthians 10:17*

“Called in one hope of our calling.” *Ephesians 4:4*

“...grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” *Ephesians 4:7*

The Church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her,
And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail.

“Upon this Rock will I build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” *Matthew 16:18*

“Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.” *Matthew 28:20*

“Marvel not if the world hate you.” *1 John 3:13*

“False brethren.” *Galatians 2:4, 2 Corinthians 11:26*

“Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy! when I fall I shall arise.”

Micah 7:8

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distrest:
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song!

“By reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.” *2 Peter 2:2*

“I hear that there be divisions among you.” *1 Corinthians 11:18*

“There must be heresies among you.” *1 Corinthians 11:19*

“Watch unto prayer.” *1 Peter 4:7*

“Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.” *Psalms 25:22*

“Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting...” *Romans 8:23*

“The redeemed of the Lord... shall come with singing unto Zion.”

Isaiah 51:11

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest!

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
With all her sons and daughters
Who, by the Master's Hand
Led through the deathly waters,
Repose in Eden-land.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee:
There, past the border mountains,
Where in sweet vales the Bride
With Thee by living fountains
For ever shall abide!

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers," etc. *Ephesians 6:12*

"In all these things we are more than conquerors." *Romans 8:37*

"The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

Romans 16:20

"We know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." *1 John 3:2*

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." *Hebrews 4:9*

"Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." *1 John 1:3*

"...the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you." *2 Corinthians 13:14*

"Ye are come unto the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly and Church of the firstborn... and to the spirits of just men made perfect." *Hebrews 12:22-23*

"When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee." *Isaiah 43:2*

"...with Me in Paradise." *Luke 23:43*

"Faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." *Jude 24*

"Humble yourselves... that He may exalt you in due time." *1 Peter 5:6*

"He carried me... to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem." *Revelation 21:10*

"The Lamb... shall lead them unto living fountains of waters."

Revelation 7:17

"The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them."

Revelation 21:3