

## The Church's One Foundation

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1. The Chur - ch's one foun - da - 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. *The church shall ne - ver per - ish! Her dear Lord, to de - fend,*
5. 'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
6. 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 schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by he - re - sies dis - tressed:  
*keep true, sus - tain and cher - ish, is with her to the end;*  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and myst - ic sweet com - mun - ion 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?"  
*though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,*  
 'til with the vis - ion 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.  
*a - gainst the foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.*  
 and the great church vic - tor - ious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.