

The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. *The church shall nev - er per - ish!* Her dear Lord to de - fend,
 4. *Though with a scorn - ful won - der* Men see her sore op - pressed,
 5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - 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;
 To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end:
By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed:
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won,

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
 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 press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 A - gainst or foe or trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 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.