

# The Church's one foundation

## Verse

The Church's one foun - da - - tion  
 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - - tion,  
 Though with a scorn - ful won - - der  
 The church shall nev - er per - - ish!  
 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - - tion,  
 Yet she on earth has u - - nion

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is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 yet one o'er all the earth,  
 men see her sore op - pressed,  
 Her dear Lord to de - fend,  
 and tu - mult of her war,  
 with God the Three in One,

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she is his new cre - a - - tion,  
 her char - ter of sal - va - - tion,  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - - der,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - - tion  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - - nion

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by wa - ter and the word:  
one Lord, one and faith, the one birth;  
by her - e - sies the one dis - tressed,  
is with her to the end;  
of peace for ev - er - more;  
with those whose rest is won:

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from heaven he came and sought her  
one ho - ly name she bless - es,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing,  
though there be those that hate her,  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly!

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to be his ho - ly bride;  
par - takes one ho - ly food,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and false sons in her pale,  
her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Lord, give us grace that we,

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with his own blood he bought her,  
and to one hope she press - es,  
And soon the night of weep - ing  
a - gainst or foe or vic - tor  
and the great church vic - torious  
like them, the meek and low - ly,

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and for her life he died.  
with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
shall be the morn of song.  
she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
shall be the church at rest.  
may live e - ter - nal - ly.