

The Church's one foundation

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Verse

The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,
'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
Yet she on earth has u - nion with God the Three in One,

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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 schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, 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 mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

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from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, 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,
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 presses, with ev'ry grace ended.
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.