

## 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 rest!  
And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at song!  
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee.