

The Church's One Foundation

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C F C G7 C F G7 C
1: The church's one Foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord;
Am F C G7
She is His new creation, by water and the Word;
C F C G7
From heav'n He came and sought her, to be His holy bride;
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With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

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2: Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Am F C G7
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
C F C G7
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
C F C G7 F G7 C
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3: Tho' with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

4: The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Tho' there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against the foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail.

5: 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious, shall be the church at rest.

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6: Yet she on earth hath union, with God the Three in One,
Am F C G7
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won.
C F C G7
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
C F C G7 F G7 C
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.