

The Church's One Foundation

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1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one throughout the earth;
her charter of salvation:
"one Lord, one faith, one birth!"
One holy Name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.
3. On earth she is in union
with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, grant to us your grace,
with them the meek and lowly,
in heav'n to see your face.

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