The Church’s One Foundation

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1. The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
   Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
   ’Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
   Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,

2. She is His new creation
   By water and the Word.
   Her character of salvation
   One Lord, one faith, one birth;
   She waits the consummation
   Of peace for evermore;
   And mystic sweet communion
   With those whose rest is won.

3. From Heav’n He came and sought her
   To be His holy bride;
   one holy name she bles ses, par takes one holy food,
   Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
   O happy ones and holy!
   Lord, give us grace that we,

4. With His own blood He bought her
   And for her life He died.
   and to one hope she pres ses with every grace endued.
   And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
   like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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