The Church’s One Foundation

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 every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
   Her character of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;
   One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
   And to one hope she presses With every grace endowed.

3. ’Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
   She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
   Till with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
   And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

4. Tho’ with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
   Her doctrine rent asunder, By names and creeds distressed.
   Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry: "How long, how long?"
   And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song!

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