# The Church’s One Foundation 511

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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 o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation:

one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses,

partakes one holy food;

and to one hope she presses

with ev'ry grace endued.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation,

and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation

of peace forevermore;

till with the vision glorious

her longing eyes are blessed,

and the great church victorious

shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth has union

with God, the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion

with those whose rest is won;

O blessed heav'nly chorus!

Lord, save us by your grace,

that we, like saints before us,

may see you face to face.

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