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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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