The Church’s One Foundation

1 The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
2 Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
3 ’Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
4 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

she is his new creation by water and the word;
hers character of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;

from heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she presses with every grace endowed.
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

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TUNE: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)

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