

The Church's One Foundation 511

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 4 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food;
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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