

The Hymnal 1982 - #525 The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
 3 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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- 1 The Church's one foundation
 is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 she is his new creation
 by water and the word:
 from heaven 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 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 every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 men see her sore oppressed,
 by schisms rent asunder,
 by heresies distressed;
 yet saints their watch are keeping,
 their cry goes up, "How long?"
 and soon the night of weeping
 shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war
 she waits the consummation
 of peace for evermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blessed,
 and the great Church victorious
 shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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