

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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C G/B Am G/B C
The Church's one founda- tion is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
C E7 Am F G
She is His new cre- ation by wa- ter and the Word;
C Csus C Am Dm
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho- ly bride;
C Fmaj7 Dm7 G C
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

E- lect from ev'- ry na- tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of sal- vation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One ho- ly name she bless- es, partakes one ho- ly food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace en- dued.

Tho' with a scorn-ful won-der men see her sore op- pressed,
By schisms rent a- sunder, by her- e- sies dis- tressed,
Yet saints their watch are keep- ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall ne- ver pe- rish! Her dear Lord to de- fend,
To guide, su- stain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Tho' there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
A- gainst or foe or traitor she ever shall pre- vail.

'Mid toil and tri- bula- tion, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consum- mation of peace for- ev- er- more;
Till with the vi- sion glo- rious her long- ing eyes are blest,
And the great church vic- torious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath u- nion with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet com- munion with those whose rest is won;
O hap- py ones and ho- ly! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.