

# 636 The Church's one foundation

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1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she

is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word; from

heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly 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 for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
4. 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.