The Church's One Foundation

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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 Heav'n 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 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, Par-takes one holy food,
   And to one hope she press-es, With ev'-ry grace en-dued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
   She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
   Till, with the vision glorious, Her long-ing eyes are blest,
   And the great church vic-to-rious 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.