

The Church's One Foundation

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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1. The Church - 's one foun - - da - - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord,
 2. She is from ev - ery na - - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. The Church shall ne - ver per - - ish! Her dear Lord to de - - fend,
 4. Though with a scorn - ful won - - der Men see her sore op - - pressed,
 5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - - la - - tion, And tu - mult of her war,

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;
 To guide, sus - tain, and cher - - ish, Is with her to the end:
 By schi - sms rent a - - sun - - der, By her - - e - - sies dis - - tressed:
 She waits the con - sum - - ma - - tion Of peace for - - ev - - er - - more;

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,
 Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - - ing, Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 Till, with the vi - - sion glo - - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - - es, With ev - ery grace en - - dued.
 A - - gainst or foe or trai - - tor She ev - - er shall pre - - vail.
 And soon the night of weep - - ing Shall be the morn of song!
 And the great Church vic - - tor - - ious Shall be the Church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won,
 With all her sons and daughters
 Who, by the Master's hand
 Led through the deathly waters,
 Repose in Eden land.

7. O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with Thee;
 There, past the border mountains,
 Where in sweet vales the Bride
 With Thee by living fountains
 Forever shall abide!