The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
2 Elect from every nation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
3 Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
4 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,

She is his new creation, by water and the word:
her character of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schisms rent a sun der, by heresies distressed:
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
and mystical sweet communion With those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
one holy name she beseeches, partakes one holy food,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vision glorious her longings are blest,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she presences with every grace endowed.
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.