The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
   though she is pressed by war, yet Christ is her Shield.

2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
   she is his new creation by water and the Word.

3. Though with a scornful world we see her sore oppressed,
   peace for evermore; till, with the vision those whose rest is won.

4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of the sea,
   sought her to be his holy bride; with bles- ses, par-takes one holy food, and keep- ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with peace;
   and glorious, her long- ing eyes are blest, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like
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From heaven he came and dwelt; may we ever-mem- ber his advent and birth;

O hap-py ones and blest, we will from self the world. And

his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

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