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## The Church's One Foundation

*Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20*

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

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;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

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,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
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:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

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## Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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*The church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:15*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four verses. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal parts.

1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bide, be her Sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,  
2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure; grant her pa - tience to en - dure,  
3. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and char - i - ty,  
4. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un - til she find,

while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
trust - ing in thy prom - ise sure: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
win - ning all to faith in thee: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
and the bro - ken - heart - ed bind: we be - seech thee, hear us.

5. Save her love from growing cold,  
make her watchmen strong and bold,  
fence her round, thy peaceful fold:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

7. Arm her soldiers with the cross,  
brave to suffer toil or loss,  
counting earthly gain but dross:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

6. May her lamp of truth be bright,  
bid her bear aloft its light  
through the realms of heathen night:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

8. May she holy triumphs win,  
overthrow the hosts of sin,  
gather all the nations in:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1871  
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John Henry Gower, 1891