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The Church’s One Foundation

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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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.

2. Elect from every nation,
   Yet one o’er all the earth;
   Her charter of salvation,
   One Lord, one faith, one birth;

3. The church shall never perish!
   Her dear Lord to defend,
   To guide, sustain, and cherish,
   By sickness rent and bent.

4. Though with a scornful wonder
   Men see her sore oppressed,
   She waits the consummation
   Of peace for evermore;

5. ’Mid toil and tribulation,
   And tumult of her war,
   And mystic sweet communion
   With those whose rest is won,

6. Yet she on earth hath union
   With God the Three in One,
   From heav’n He came and sought her
   To be His holy bride;

   One holy Name she blesses,
   Par takes one holy food,
   Though there be those who hate her,
   Yet saints their watch are keeping,
   Till with the vision glorious
   Her longings eyes 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 presses,
   With every grace endued.
   Against or foe or traitor
   She ever shall prevail.

   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.

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