The Church's One Foundation  "Aurelia"

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Choir and Organ

1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
2 Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth,
3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war

1 she is his new creation by water and the word:
2 her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed;
4 she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;

1 from heaven her came and sought her to be his holy bride;
2 one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
3 yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed.
3 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and

mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O
O holy! Lord, give us grace.

Happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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