

No. 545 – The Church’s One Foundation

- 1 The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

No. 566 – Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

- 1 Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
- 2 Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus’ footsteps tread, and do his work below.
- 3 O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
- 4 We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live, blest point of unity!
- 5 Partakers of the Savior’s grace, the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.

No. 547 – O Church of God, United

- 1 O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us, we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

- 2 From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.

- 3 Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

- 4 May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.