

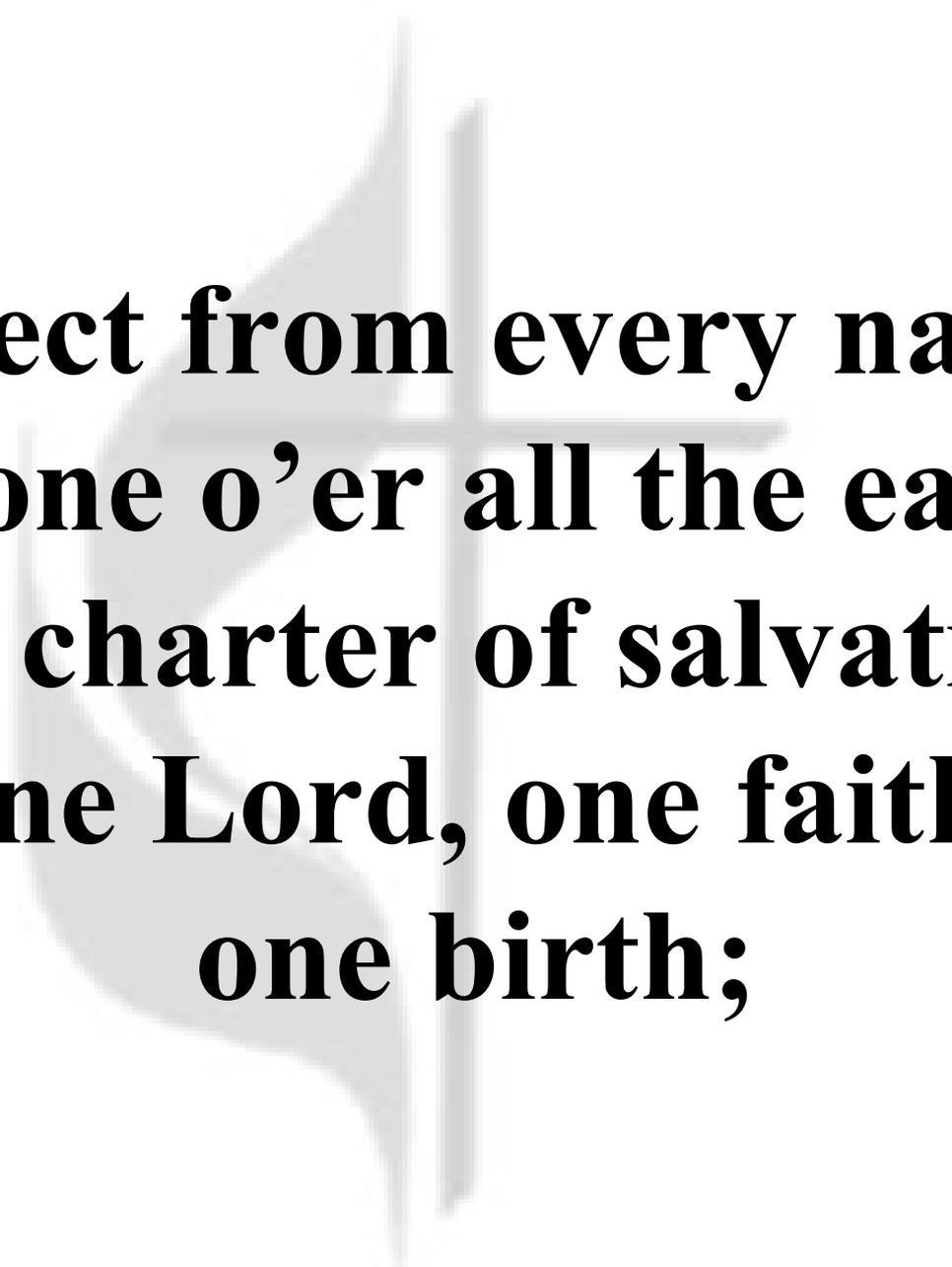
# The Church's One Foundation

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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.**

**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.**

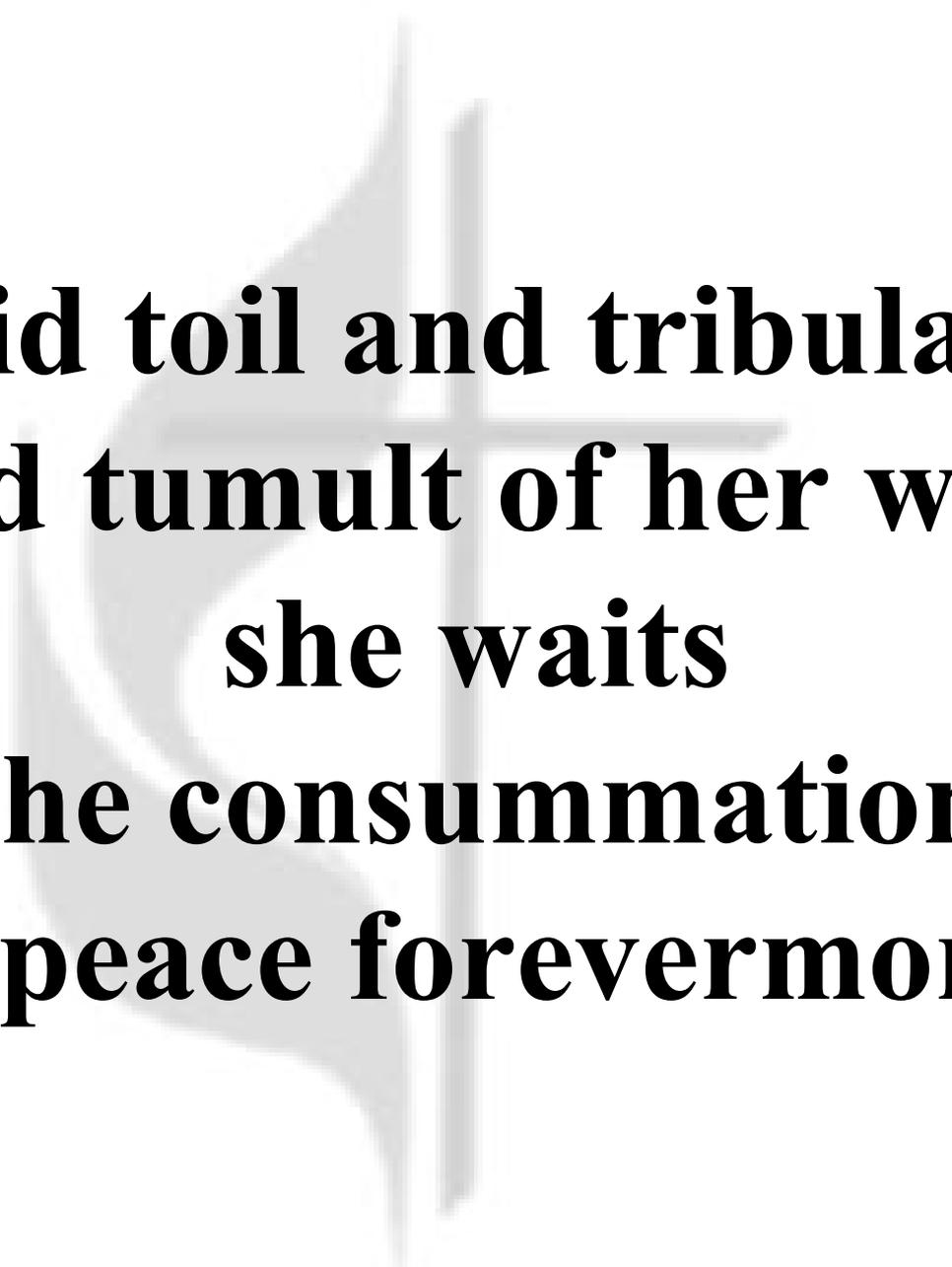


**2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith,  
one birth;**

**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,**

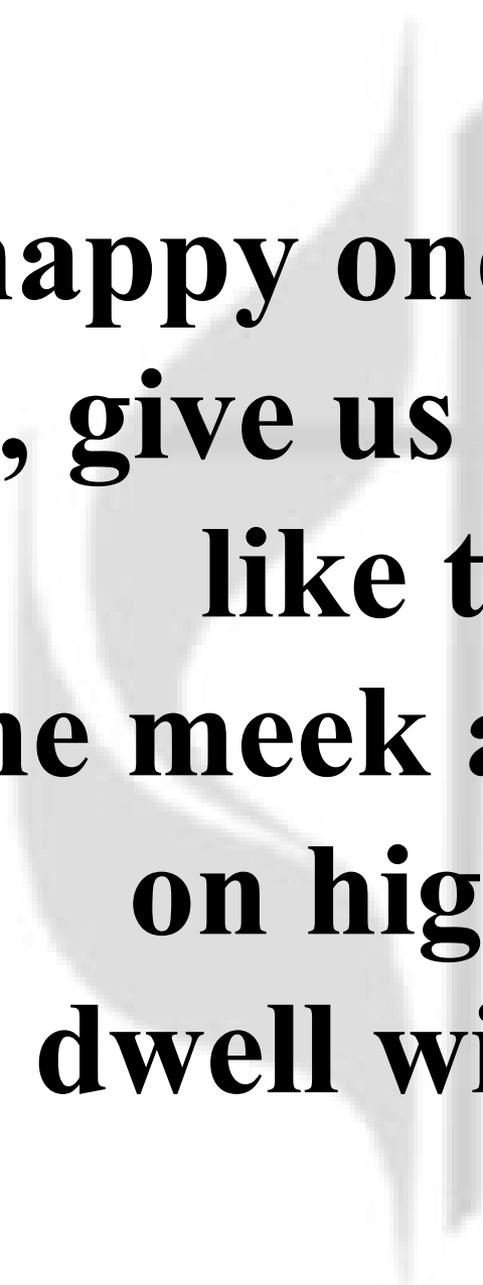
**yet saints their  
watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the  
night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**



**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.**