

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Neale / WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, the Head and cor - ner - stone;
2. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to - day;
3. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of thee to gain;
4. Laud and hon - our to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - our to the Son,



1. cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
2. with thy wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness, hear thy ser - vants as they pray;
3. what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain;
4. laud and hon - our to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one:



1. Ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
2. and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion, shed with - in its walls al - way.
3. and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry, ev - er - more with thee to reign.
4. con - sub - stan - tial, co - e - ter - nal, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Inspiration: "Angularis fundamentum", fr. ca. 7th cent. hymn, "Urbs Beata Jerusalem".

Lyrics: 87-87-87; John M. Neale, 1818-1866, in his "Mediaeval Hymns", 1851.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY; fr. "O God, Thou Art My God" by Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868, in 1842.