

Angularis fundamentum

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our Head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with your steadfast loving kindness,
hear your servants as they pray;
and your fullest benediction,
shed in all its bright array.
3. Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain;
what they gain from you, for ever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory,
evermore with you to reign.
4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run.

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