

Angularis fundamentum

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, the Head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction,
shed within its walls always.
3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in thy glory,
evermore with thee to reign.
4. Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

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