

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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Timothy Tingfang Lew, 1933; alt. Transl. Frank W. Price, 1953; alt.

- O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land: Pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
- 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth, we bear Christ's own im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth: One ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own, by grace we were in-vit-ed, by grace we make you known.

Acts 2:17-21; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-20

- 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak, where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak, There let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
- 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when Christ who once was dead shall lead the church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head. The Sov-ereign of cre-a-tion a new do-min-ion brings, the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

Matt. 21:8-9

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

