

The Hymnal 1982 - #518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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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 All that dedicated city,
 dearly loved of God on high,
 in exultant jubilation
 pours perpetual melody;
 God the One in Three adoring
 in glad hymns eternally.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

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