

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Christ is the Foundation of the house we raise

Christ is the foundation  
of the house we raise;  
be its walls salvation,  
and its gateways praise;  
may its threshold lowly  
to the Lord be dear;  
may the hearts be holy  
that shall worship here.

Here the vow be sealèd  
by thy Spirit, Lord;  
here the sick be healèd,  
and the lost restored;  
here the broken-hearted  
thy forgiveness prove;  
here the friends long parted  
be restored to love.

Here may every token  
of thy presence be;  
here may chains be broken,  
prisoners here set free;  
here may light illumine  
every soul of thine,  
lifting up the human,  
into the divine.

Here may God the Father,  
Christ the Savior-Son,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
be adored as One;  
till the whole creation  
at thy footstool fall,  
and in adoration  
own thee Lord of all.

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