

1 **Let us build a house where love can dwell**

and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace ;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions :

*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat :

a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space ;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us :

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face ;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger :

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter :

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1 **Lord of the Church,**

we pray for our renewing :  
Christ over all, our undivided aim.  
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame !  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

2 Lord of the Church,

we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord !  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer :  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

3 Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred ;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.  
So lead us on ; till toil and trouble ended,  
one Church triumphant  
one new song shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King !

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