

CHRISTIAN UNITY

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.  
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!  
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray,  
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.  
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, *Urbs beata Jerusalem*, based on passages from *Ephesians*, *1 Peter*, and *Revelation*. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
Henry T. Smart, 1867  
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

# Not My Brother, nor My Sister (Standing in the Need of Prayer)

*African-American spiritual; alt.*

*Leader*

1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,  
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,  
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,  
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,

*All* *Leader*

stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's  
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's

*All* *Refrain*

me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;  
 it's me,

It's me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.  
 it's me,

## We Offer Christ

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Brian Wren, 1986

1 We of-fer Christ to all the world a-round us, born in-to faith,  
 2 We of-fer Christ from all our best tra-di-tions, by grace a-lone,  
 3 We of-fer Christ the bar-ri-er-be-strid-er, whose full-ness far  
 4 We of-fer Christ and, God-be-loved, our Sav-ior now of-fers us,

re-leased from pride and shame; Em-braced by love, we show how  
 a-mazed and strange-ly warmed, Cre-a-ted e-equal, stirred by  
 ex-ceeds our lo-cal view, Whose Spir-it, breath-ing deep in  
 born of the Spir-it's kiss, to love cre-a-tion and cre-

love has found us; at peace with God, we speak our Sav-ior's name.  
 free-dom-vi-sions, self-crit-i-cal, pre-pared to be re-formed.  
 ev-ery cul-ture, brings Christ to us, the same, yet strange-ly new.  
 a-tion's Lov-er, with skill, com-pas-sion, jus-tice, care and peace.

"We Offer Christ" was commissioned by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, for its 150th anniversary. The opening phrase derives from John Wesley's advice to Thomas Coke as he departed for America: "Offer them Christ."

Tune: CHARTERHOUSE 11.10.11.10.  
 David Evans, 1927

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