

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

¶ *Then the Bishop, standing up and laying his hand upon the stone, shall say,*

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person; the one foundation, and the chief corner stone: Bless what we now do in laying this stone in thy Name, and be thou, we beseech thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the glory of thy Name; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious,

Answer. And he that believeth in him shall not be confounded.

The stone which the builders refused,

Answer. Is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing;

Answer. And it is marvellous in our eyes.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,

Answer. Which is Jesus Christ.

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then, all things being made ready, the stone shall be laid, by the person appointed thereto, with these words,*

IN the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay this foundation stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*