

89 How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:1-2

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; trans.O. T. Sanden, 1853-1917

Tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

How fair the church of Christ shall stand, A bea - con - light in
'Tis all in vain that you pro - fess The doc - trines of the
Re - sent - ment, hate, and cru - el jest Must not be har - bored
So let your tongue, your heart, and mind A - gree to ban - ish

all the land, When love and faith all hearts in - spire, And
church un - less You live ac - cord - ing to your creed And
in your breast, Where love and char - i - ty should dwell. Then,
ev - 'ry kind Of mal - ice, false - hood, and dis - guise. And

all u - nite in one de - sire: To love each oth - er,
show your faith by word and deed. Ob - serve the rule: To
think and speak of oth - ers well, Re - frain from all that
here on earth a par - a - dise Of peace and har - mo -

and a - gree To live in peace and u - ni - ty.
oth - ers do As you would have them do to you.
caus - es strife And harms a tru - ly Chris - tian life.
ny main - tain, Where con - cord and good will shall reign.

O gracious God, renew my heart
And renovate each secret part,
That you'll be sanctified in me
'Til high above in heav'n I see
Where holy, holy, holy, Lord,
We sing to you with one accord.