

As the body is the fulness
The Church — The Increase of Christ

819

(Guitar: Capo 3)

Musical score for guitar (Capo 3) in 3/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "1. As the bo - dy is the ful - ness To ex - press our life, So to Christ the Church, His Bo - dy, Doth ex - press His life." Chords are indicated above the notes: D, A, D, G, A, D, A, A7, D.

2. E'en as Eve is part of Adam
Taken out of him,
So the Church is Christ's own increase
With Himself within.

3. As from out the buried kernel
Many grains are formed,
As the grains together blended
To a loaf are formed;

4. So the Church, of many Christians,
Christ doth multiply,
Him expressing as one Body,
God to glorify.

5. As the branches of the grapevine
Are its outward spread,
With it one, abiding, bearing
Clusters in its stead;

6. So the Church's many members
Christ's enlargement are,
One with Him in life and living,
Spreading Him afar.

7. Fulness, increase, duplication,
His expression full,
Growth and spread, continuation,
Surplus plentiful,

8. Is the Church to Christ, and thereby
God in Christ may be
Glorified thru His redeemed ones
To eternity.

9. Thus the Church and Christ together,
God's great mystery,
Is the mingling of the Godhead
With humanity.