

# The Church the vessel is to Christ

The Church — The Vessel of Christ

821

Musical score for the hymn "The Church the vessel is to Christ". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two staves: a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The guitar line begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "1. The Church the ves - sel is to Christ, Him to con - tain and Him ex - press, Just as the hu - man bo - dy doth Man's life show forth, his life pos - sess." The guitar accompaniment includes chord diagrams above the notes: D, A7/E, D/F#, G, D/A, A, D, G, D/F#, D, A/E, E7, A, G, B7/F#, Em, Em/G, A, E7/B, A/C#, A7, D, A/C#, Bm, G, D/A, A7, D.

1. The Church the ves - sel is to Christ, Him to con - tain and Him ex - press,  
Just as the hu - man bo - dy doth Man's life show forth, his life pos - sess.
2. As was the temple to the ark,  
Receptacle and resting-place;  
So Christ the Church's content is,  
And in the Church, Christ's dwelling-place.
3. As Christ is God's true mystery,  
God to explain and God express;  
So is the Church Christ's mystery,  
Christ to explain and manifest.
4. The members of the Church of Christ  
Are all primarily of clay;  
They need to be transformed and made  
Transparent, precious day by day.
5. By transformation they are built,  
A vessel they to Christ afford;  
His all-inclusiveness they hold;  
Transparent, they express the Lord.
6. Thru all the transformation work  
The triune God performs in them,  
The Church a corporate vessel is  
And like the new Jerusalem.
7. How precious she in each respect,  
Transparent too in every phase;  
Christ with God's fulness she contains,  
Christ with God's glory she displays.
8. With Christ as life, with God as light,  
And with the Spirit's living flow,  
The triune God she manifests  
For all the universe to know.