

The church is Christ's deep longing

The Church — As Christ's Bride

1229

(Guitar: Capo 1)

D **A** **G** **A⁷**
1. The church is Christ's deep long - ing And His good plea - sure
D **G** **D**
too. His ev - ery word and ac - tion Is made with her in
A **D** **G** **D** **B⁷**
view. His heart's love is es - ta - blished, And nought can Him de -
Em **D** **G** **A** **A⁷** **D** **G** **D**
ter; Be - fore the earth's foun - da - tion His thoughts were filled with her.

2. The eve of all creation

He mused on His delight,
And pondered every feature,
Well-pleasing in His sight.
Creation sprang to being,
But deep in Him did hide
A heart of depth unfathomed
Fixed on a glorious Bride.

3. And thus His will was 'stablished

His counterpart to gain:
This blessed, firm intention,
Eternally the same.
Though sin should e'en beguile man,
Then mock his helpless state,
He never could forsake her,
His yearning ne'er abate.

4. Then mercy richly flourished,

And love was, oh, so vast,
As graciously He sought her
With wisdom unsurpassed.
The love He gave to win her
God only comprehends!
His life laid down, an offering
Whose fragrance yet ascends.

5. And now in resurrection

To her He draws most near,
And with untold affection
In glory does appear.
As she beholds her Bridegroom,
His glory floods her heart,
'Til she, His Bride, is raptured,
His longed-for counterpart.