

HOW DEAR AND TREASURED IS THE CHURCH

[GUITAR CAPO III — cm]

INTRO 4/4 am G | am | am G | am

VERSE 1
am dm em dm am E7 am
How dear and treasured is the church
am dm G C am G dm E7
With voices joined in praise and prayers
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
For God has made us one in Christ
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
To share our sorrows, joys, and cares

VERSE 2
am dm em dm am E7 am
Entrusted with the truth of God
am dm G C am G dm E7
Called out to make the gospel known
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
We boldly as His church proclaim:
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
There's grace and hope in Christ alone!

VERSE 3
am dm em dm am E7 am
God fashions us as living stones
am dm G C am G dm E7
Assembled as His dwelling place
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
Though we were dead, He gives us life
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
Each soul a mir-a-cle of grace

VERSE 4 *am dm em dm am E7 am*
Built as a buttress of the truth
am dm G C am G dm E7
A pillar rising to the sky
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
God sets His church before the world
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
His Word and name to magnify

VERSE 5 *am dm em dm am E7 am*
To all the world we test-i-fy
am dm G C am G dm E7
Our lives display in word and deed
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
The matchless worth of knowing Christ
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
The boundless depth of our great need

VERSE 6 *am dm em dm am E7 am*
Brought near to God by Christ's shed blood
am dm G C am G dm E7
Loved and adopted as His own
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
A household built upon the Word
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
With Christ Himself the Cornerstone

VERSE 7 *am dm em dm am E7 am*
Built on this Rock, the church will stand
am dm G C am G dm E7
The gates of hell shall not prevail
C F C G/B C dm7 G C
All who are Christ's shall be raised up
C F dm C/E G am E7 am
The Word of God will never fail

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