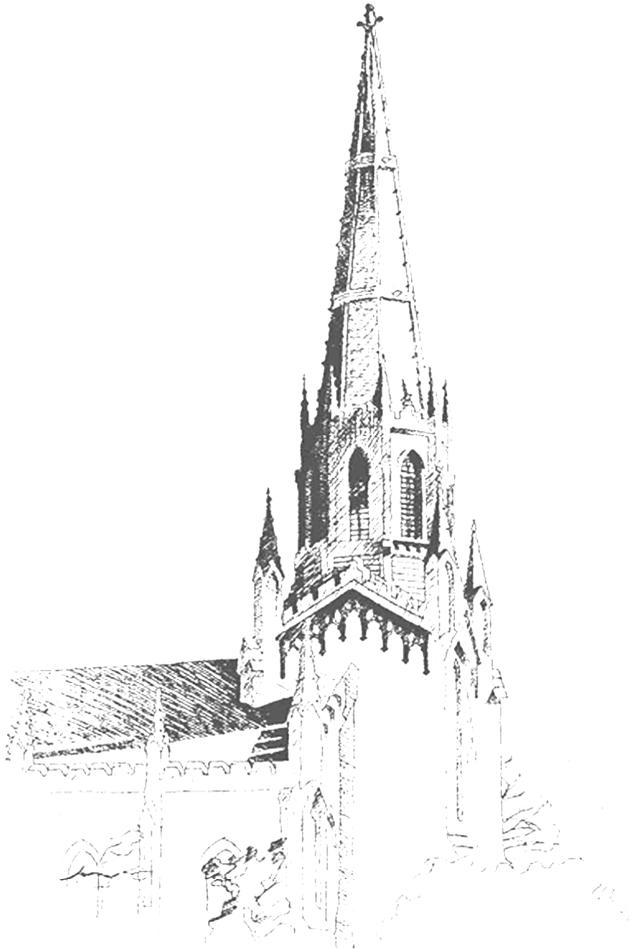


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PRAYER

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HELMSLEY

Please find the music on page 5 of your bulletin.

+ **BENEDICTION**

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May the Peace (Benediction)

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
*And to him be praise for his glorious reign,
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n;
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

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POSTLUDE *Variation on "May the Peace"*

BENEDICTION

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

The God of Abraham Praise

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:6

1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

429

Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1

1. Let thy blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound
 4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

bod - y bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give,
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

REFRAIN

of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

Charles Wesley

HELMSLEY



1. Lo! he comes with clouds de- scend- ing, once for our sal -
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling



va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion



swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le lu - ia!
pierced and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing
19 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
deep - ly wail - ing deep - ly wail - ing,
with what rap - ture with what rap - ture

23



Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
shall the true Mes - si - ah sec.
gaze we on those glo - rious scars!

4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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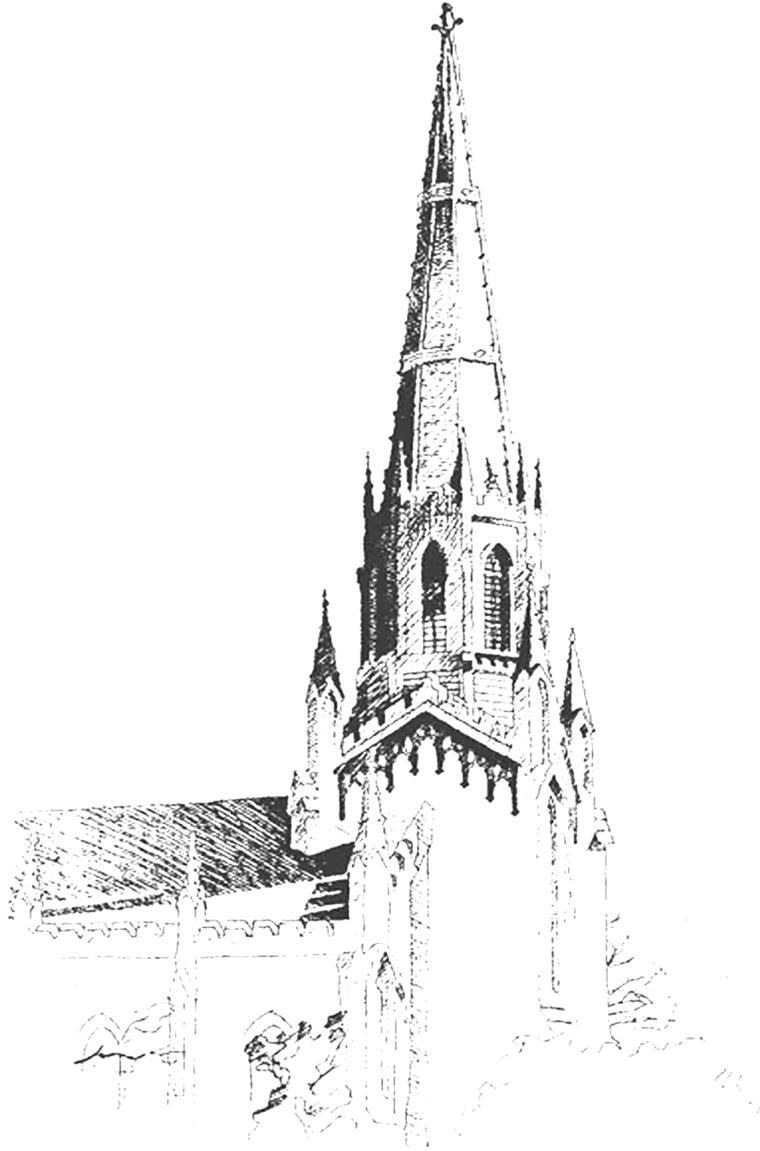
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From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

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Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord,
Of thy boundless love the token:

*Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to thee.*

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¹ The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

² Hear, you peoples, all of you;
pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it,
and let the Lord God be a witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.

³ For behold, the Lord is coming out of his place,
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

⁴ And the mountains will melt under him,
and the valleys will split open,
like wax before the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

⁵ All this is for the transgression of Jacob

and for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

⁶ Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country,
a place for planting vineyards,
and I will pour down her stones into the valley
and uncover her foundations.

⁷ All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces,
all her wages shall be burned with fire,
and all her idols I will lay waste,
for from the fee of a prostitute she gathered them,
and to the fee of a prostitute they shall return.

⁸ For this I will lament and wail;
I will go stripped and naked;
I will make lamentation like the jackals,
and mourning like the ostriches.

⁹ For her wound is incurable,
and it has come to Judah;
it has reached to the gate of my people,
to Jerusalem.

¹⁰ Tell it not in Gath;
weep not at all;
in Beth-le-aphrah
roll yourselves in the dust.

¹¹ Pass on your way,
inhabitants of Shaphir,
in nakedness and shame;
the inhabitants of Zaanan
do not come out;
the lamentation of Beth-ezel
shall take away from you its standing place.

¹² For the inhabitants of Maroth
wait anxiously for good,
because disaster has come down from the Lord

to the gate of Jerusalem.
¹³ Harness the steeds to the chariots,
inhabitants of Lachish;
it was the beginning of sin
to the daughter of Zion,
for in you were found
the transgressions of Israel.
¹⁴ Therefore you shall give parting gifts
to Moresheth-gath;
the houses of Achzib shall be a deceitful thing
to the kings of Israel.
¹⁵ I will again bring a conqueror to you,
inhabitants of Mareshah;
the glory of Israel
shall come to Adullam.
¹⁶ Make yourselves bald and cut off your hair,
for the children of your delight;
make yourselves as bald as the eagle,
for they shall go from you into exile.

SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

“God Takes the Stand”

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HELMSLEY

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Thousand, thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia!
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Every eye shall now behold him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture,
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