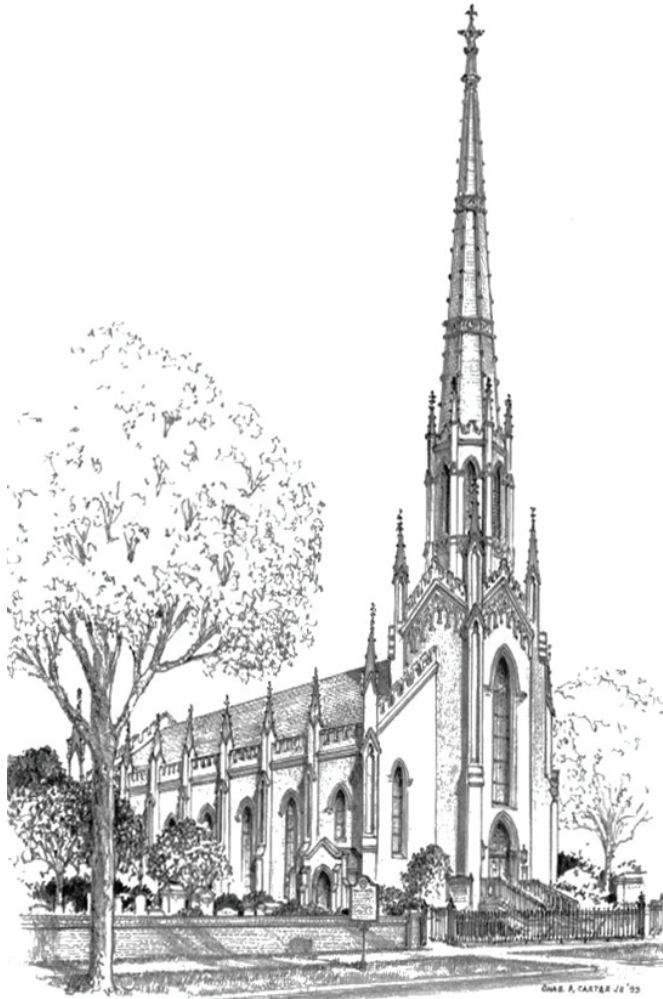


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O STORE GUD

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+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

(Isaiah 43:1, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 520** *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

GERMANY

Please find the music on page 9 of your bulletin.

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Arranged by Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Son of God and of man;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
O Thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed:
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;
My Jesus, will never fade.

The Chancel Choir
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+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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SERMON “Signed, Sealed, and Delivered”

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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 453** *All Authority and Power (Stanzas 1–3)*

NEANDER

Please find the music on page 10 of your bulletin.

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 453** *All Authority and Power (Stanza 4)*

NEANDER

All the time He will be with us, always, to the end of days,
With His own believing people, who keep steadfast in His ways;
God the Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us, and to Him the praise!

POSTLUDE *Fugue in E-flat Major*

J. S. Bach

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

How Great Thou Art

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1

Capo 1: B \flat (A) E \flat (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E \flat (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played,
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN

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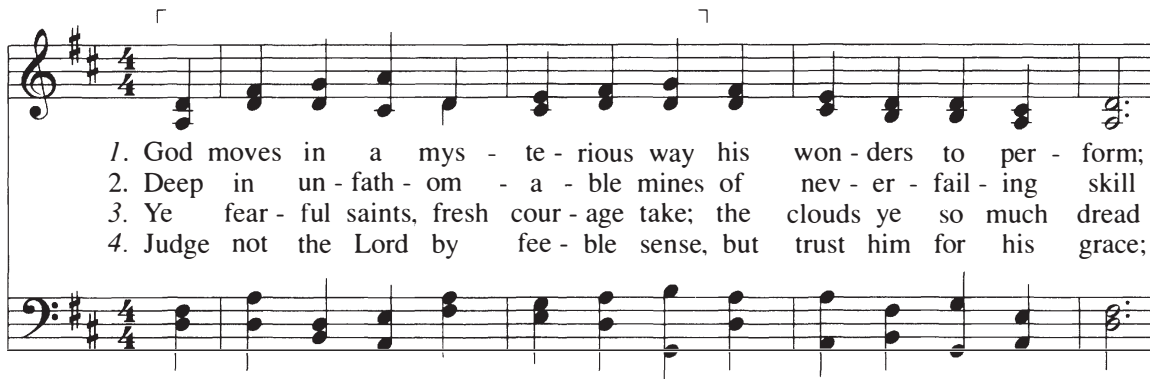
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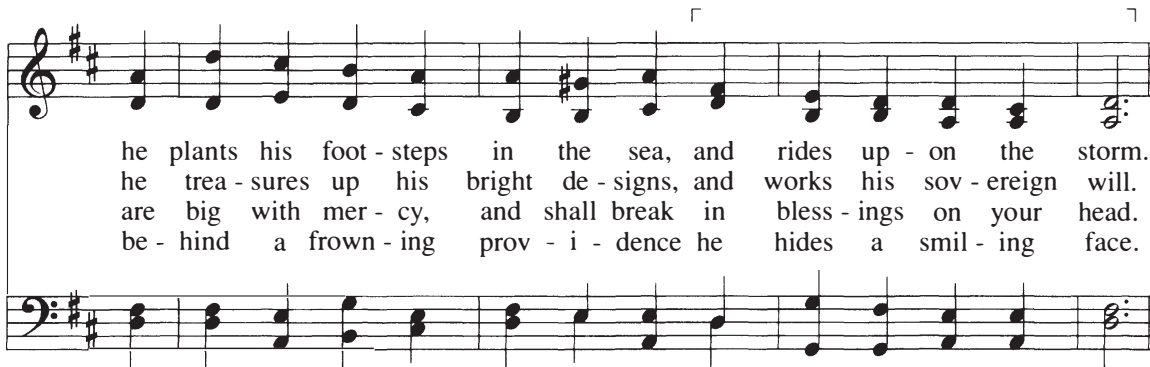
God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Is. 42:16



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;



he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

520

Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Rom. 3:24

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
 2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
 3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
 4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
 5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
 to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 • man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
 mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -
 ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 • all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
 tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
 glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

All Authority and Power

453

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matt. 28:18

1. All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er, ev - 'ry sta - tus
 2. All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - 'ry tongue shall
 3. All the clear com - mands of Je - sus must be heed - ed
 4. All the time he will be with us, al - ways, to the

and do - main, now be - longs to him who suf - fered
 call him Lord; how are men to call up - on him
 and o - beyed; full pro - vi - sion for our weak - ness
 end of days, with his own be - liev - ing peo - ple,

our re - demp - tion to ob - tain; an - gels, de - mons,
 if his name they have not heard? There - fore go and
 in his teach - ing he has made; in the Gos - pel
 who keep stead - fast in his ways; God the Fa - ther,

kings and rul - ers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
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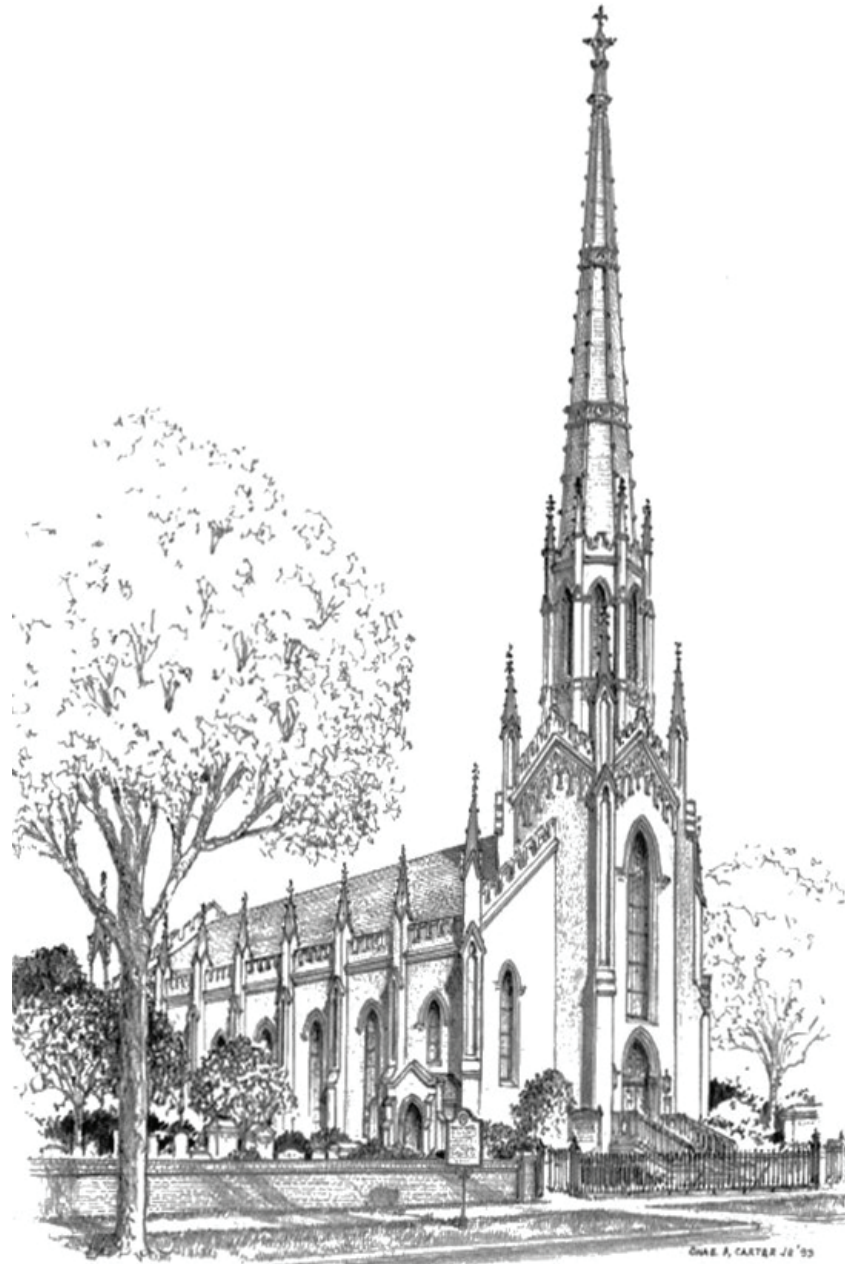
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DUNDEE

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His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

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(Isaiah 43:1, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
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To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev’n then this shall be all my plea,
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SERMON

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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN 453** *All Authority and Power (Stanzas 1–3)* NEANDER

All authority and power,
Ev’ry status and domain,
Now belongs to one who suffered
Our redemption to obtain;
Angels, demons, kings and rulers,
Over all shall Jesus reign!

All the nations owe him worship,
Ev’ry tongue shall call him Lord;
How are men to call upon him
If his name they have not heard?
Therefore go and make disciples,
Preach his gospel, spread his word.

All the clear commands of Jesus
Must be heeded and obeyed;
Full provision for our weakness
In his teaching he has made;
In the Gospel words and symbols
Saving truth to us conveyed.

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