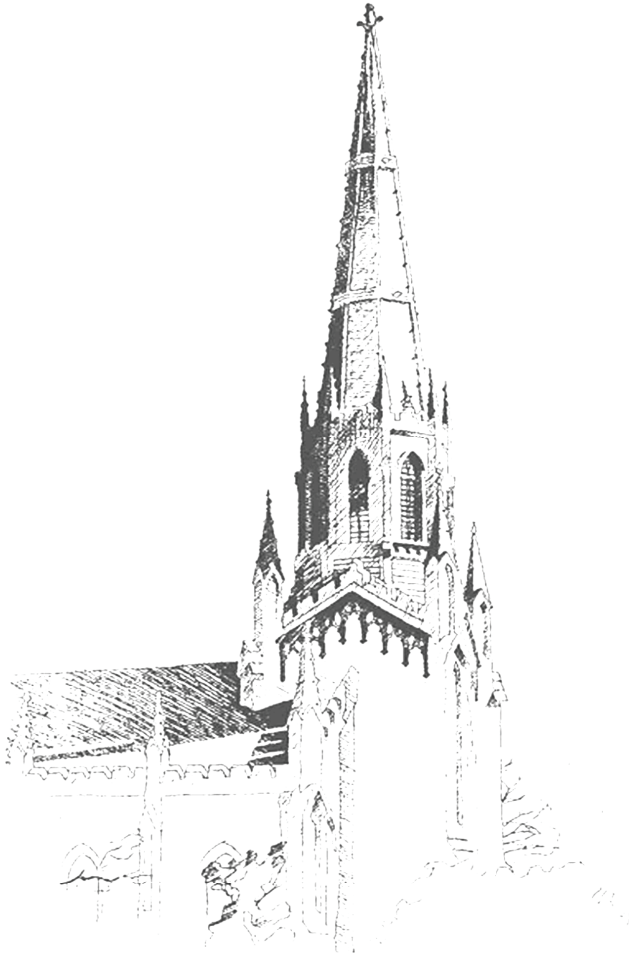


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SERMON “God’s Strange Army”

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PRAYER

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WILLOW GROVE

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We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,
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POSTLUDE *Variation on “Aberystwyth”*

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O Jehovah, Hear My Words

*Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God, for to you I pray. Ps. 5:1, 2*

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words, to my thoughts at - ten - tive be;
2. Thou, Je - ho - vah, art a God who de - light - est not in sin;
3. In the ful - ness of thy grace to thy house I will re - pair;
4. False and faith - less are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;
5. O let all that trust thy care ev - er glad and joy - ful be;

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm F Edim Dm A⁷ Dm

hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
e - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy fa - vor win.
• bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, in thy fear to wor - ship there.
dead - ly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin a - bound.
let them joy who love thy name, safe - ly guard - ed, Lord, by thee.

F[♭] F B[♭] Edim F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,
E - vil - do - ers thou dost hate, ly - ing tongues thou wilt de - feat;
• Lead me in thy righ - teous - ness, let my foes as - sail in vain;
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilt - y in thy sight,
For a bless - ing from thy store to the righ - teous thou wilt yield;

B[♭] F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm F

and ex - pec - tant I will bring prayer as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God ab -hors the man who loves vi - o - lence and base de - ceit.
• lest my feet be turned a - side, make thy way be - fore me plain.
for a - gainst thee and thy law they have set them - selves to fight.
thou wilt com - pass him a - bout with thy fa - vor as a shield.

Arise, O God

442

The LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Is. 60:2

1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav - ing might,
 2. Bring dis - tant na - tions near to sing thy glo - rious praise;
 3. Send forth thy glo - rious pow'r, that Gen - tiles all may see,
 4. To God, the on - ly wise, the one im - mor - tal King,

and pros - per each de - sign to spread thy glo - rious light:
 let ev - 'ry peo - ple hear and learn thy ho - ly ways:
 and earth pre - sent her store in con - verts born to thee:
 let hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev - 'ry liv - ing thing:

let heal - ing streams of mer - cy flow, that all the earth thy
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truth may know, that all the earth thy truth may know.
 righ - teous laws, and gov - ern by thy righ - teous laws.
 righ - teous - ness, and fill the world with righ - teous - ness.
 Ho - ly Ghost, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ps. 29:1

1. Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, all
 2. The voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the wa - ters; in
 3. The voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; the
 4. Each one in His tem - ple His glo - ry pro - claim - eth. He

glo - ry and strength and do - min - ion ac - cord; as - cribe to him
 thun - der the God of the glo - ry draws nigh. Lo, o - ver the
 voice of Je - ho - vah in maj - es - ty speaks: the voice of Je -
 sat on the flood; he is King on his throne. Je - ho - vah all

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 ho - vah the ce - dars is break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of
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wor - ship the Lord, in beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the Lord.
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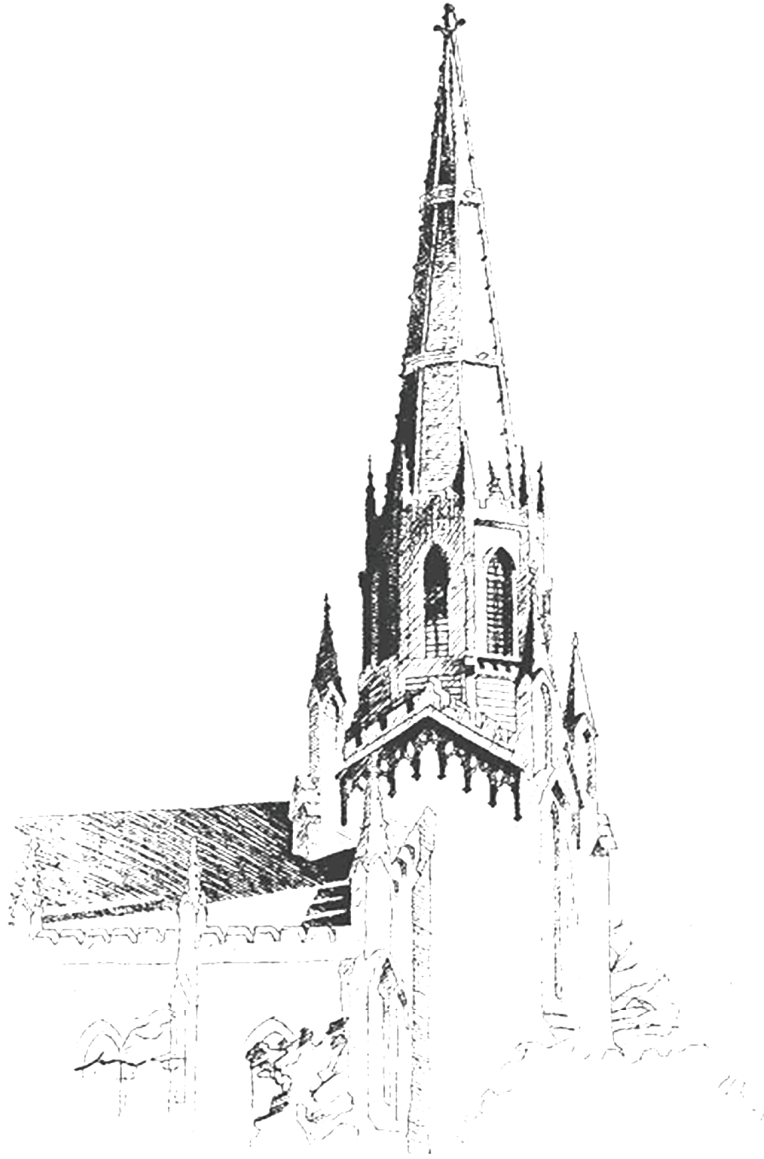
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And expectant I will bring
Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God
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Thou wilt compass him about
With thy favor as a shield.

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And prosper each design
To spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know,
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Bring distant nations near
To sing thy glorious praise;
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In converts born to thee:
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and gather those who have been driven away
and those whom I have afflicted;
⁷ and the lame I will make the remnant,
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;
and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
from this time forth and forevermore.

⁸ And you, O tower of the flock,
hill of the daughter of Zion,
to you shall it come,
the former dominion shall come,
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.

⁹ Now why do you cry aloud?
Is there no king in you?
Has your counselor perished,
that pain seized you like a woman in labor?

¹⁰ Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion,
like a woman in labor,
for now you shall go out from the city
and dwell in the open country;
you shall go to Babylon.

There you shall be rescued;

there the Lord will redeem you
from the hand of your enemies.

¹¹ Now many nations
are assembled against you,
saying, “Let her be defiled,
and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.”

¹² But they do not know
the thoughts of the Lord;
they do not understand his plan,
that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.

¹³ Arise and thresh,
O daughter of Zion,
for I will make your horn iron,
and I will make your hoofs bronze;
you shall beat in pieces many peoples;
and shall devote their gain to the Lord,
their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

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All glory and strength and dominion accord;
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The voice of Jehovah comes down on the waters;
In thunder the God of the glory draws nigh.
Lo, over the waves of the wide-flowing waters
Jehovah as King is enthroned on high!
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The voice of Jehovah is mighty, is mighty;
The voice of Jehovah in majesty speaks:
The voice of Jehovah the cedars is breaking;
Jehovah the cedars of Lebanon breaks,
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Each one, in His temple, His glory proclaimeth.
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