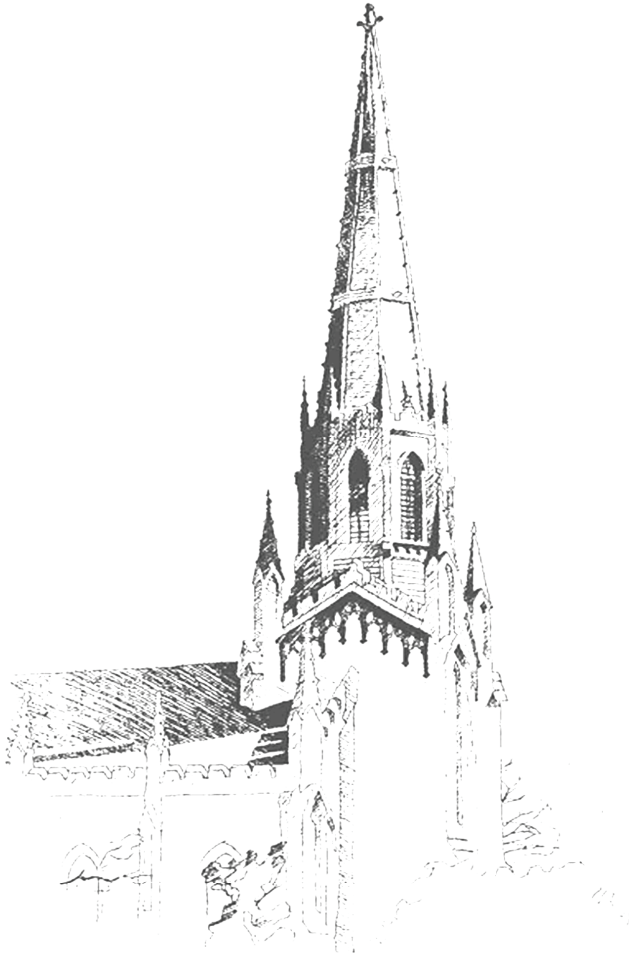


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RENDEZ A DIEU

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## + PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
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### SERMON "Little Town, Big Throne"

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

## PRAYER

+ **HYMN** *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

*Please find the music on page 6 of your bulletin.*

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*May the Peace (Benediction)*

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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.*

CCLI NO. 393170

**POSTLUDE** *Variation on "Helmsley"*

Noel Rawsthorne

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

## New Songs of Celebration Render

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Ps. 98:4*

1. New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to him who has great  
 2. Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - 'ry in - stru -  
 3. Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the Lord with

won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less splen - dor;  
 ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a - bound - ing,  
 wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a - dor - ing,

come and a - dore the might - y One. He has made known his great sal -  
 call - ing the whole world to re - joice. Trum - pets and or - gans, set in  
 and find a voice to praise his name. Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er

va - tion, which all his friends with joy con - fess. He has re -  
 mo - tion such sounds as make the heav - ens ring; all things that  
 glo - rious, prais - es be his that nev - er cease: just is our

vealed to ev - 'ry na - tion his ev - er - last - ing righ - teous - ness.  
 live in earth and o - cean make mu - sic for your might - y King.  
 God, whose truth vic - to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

# 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,  
23 with what rap - ture with what rap - ture



Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
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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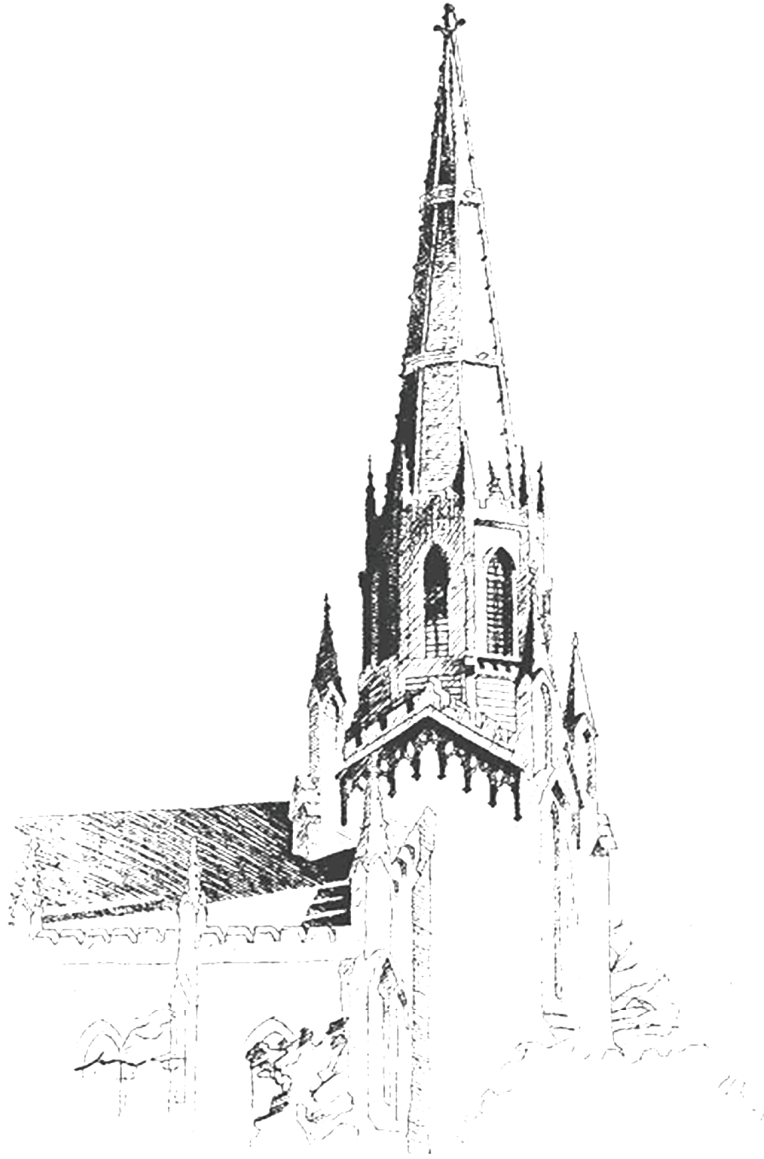
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God has made known the great salvation  
Which all the saints with joy confess.  
God has revealed to ev'ry nation  
Truth and unending righteousness.

Joyfully, heartily resounding,  
Let ev'ry instrument and voice  
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,  
Calling the whole world to rejoice.  
Trumpets and organs, set in motion  
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;  
All things that live in earth and ocean,  
Sound forth the song, your praises bring.

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,  
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;  
Mountains and stones, look up adoring,  
And find a voice to praise God's name.  
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siege is laid against us;  
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel  
on the cheek.

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
+ then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of  
the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.  
When the Assyrian comes into our land  
and treads in our palaces,  
then we will raise against him seven shepherds  
and eight princes of men;

<sup>6</sup> they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,  
and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;  
and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian  
when he comes into our land  
and treads within our border.

<sup>7</sup> Then the remnant of Jacob shall be  
in the midst of many peoples  
like dew from the Lord,  
like showers on the grass,  
which delay not for a man  
nor wait for the children of man.

<sup>8</sup> And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations,  
in the midst of many peoples,  
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,  
like a young lion among the flocks of sheep,  
which, when it goes through, treads down  
and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

<sup>9</sup> Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries,

and all your enemies shall be cut off.  
<sup>10</sup> And in that day, declares the Lord,  
I will cut off your horses from among you  
and will destroy your chariots;  
<sup>11</sup> and I will cut off the cities of your land  
and throw down all your strongholds;  
<sup>12</sup> and I will cut off sorceries from your hand,  
and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes;  
<sup>13</sup> and I will cut off your carved images  
and your pillars from among you,  
and you shall bow down no more  
to the work of your hands;  
<sup>14</sup> and I will root out your Asherah images from among you  
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<sup>15</sup> And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance  
on the nations that did not obey.

## SERMON

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### “Little Town, Big Throne”

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HELMSLEY

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favored sinners slain!  
Thousand, thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia!

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God appears on Earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to a tree,  
Deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

The dear tokens of his passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshipers;  
With what rapture,  
With what rapture,  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars.

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