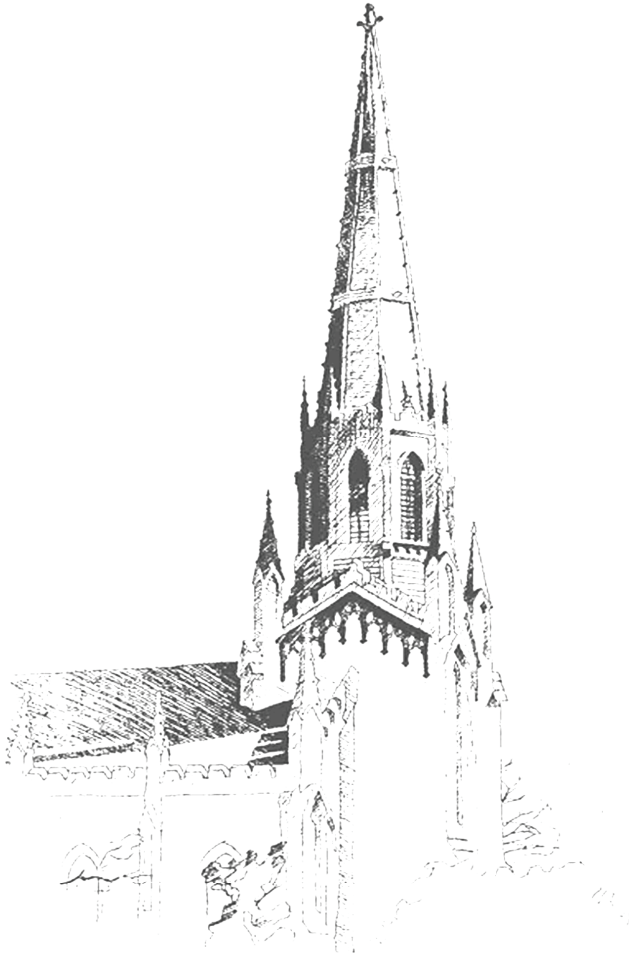


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We declare the name of the Lamb once slain,  
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**POSTLUDE** *Variation on "Dundee"*

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## Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3*

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,  
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode:  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move:  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near:  
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name:

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?—  
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

# Blessed Lord, in Thee Is Refuge

513

*My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.* Ps. 62:7

1. Bless - ed Lord, in thee is ref - uge, safe - ty for my trem - bling soul;  
 2. In the past, too, un - be - liev - ing, 'midst the tem - pest I have been,  
 3. Oh, for trust that brings the tri - umph when de - feat seems strange - ly near;

pow'r to lift my head when droop - ing 'midst the an - gry bil - lows' roll.  
 and my heart has slow - ly trust - ed what my eyes have nev - er seen.  
 oh, for faith that chang - es fight - ing in - to vic - t'ry's ring - ing cheer!

*rit.*  
 I will trust thee, I will trust thee, I will trust thee;  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus,  
 Faith tri - um - phant, faith tri - um - phant, faith tri - um - phant,

*rit.*  
 all my life thou shalt con - trol; all my life thou shalt con - trol.  
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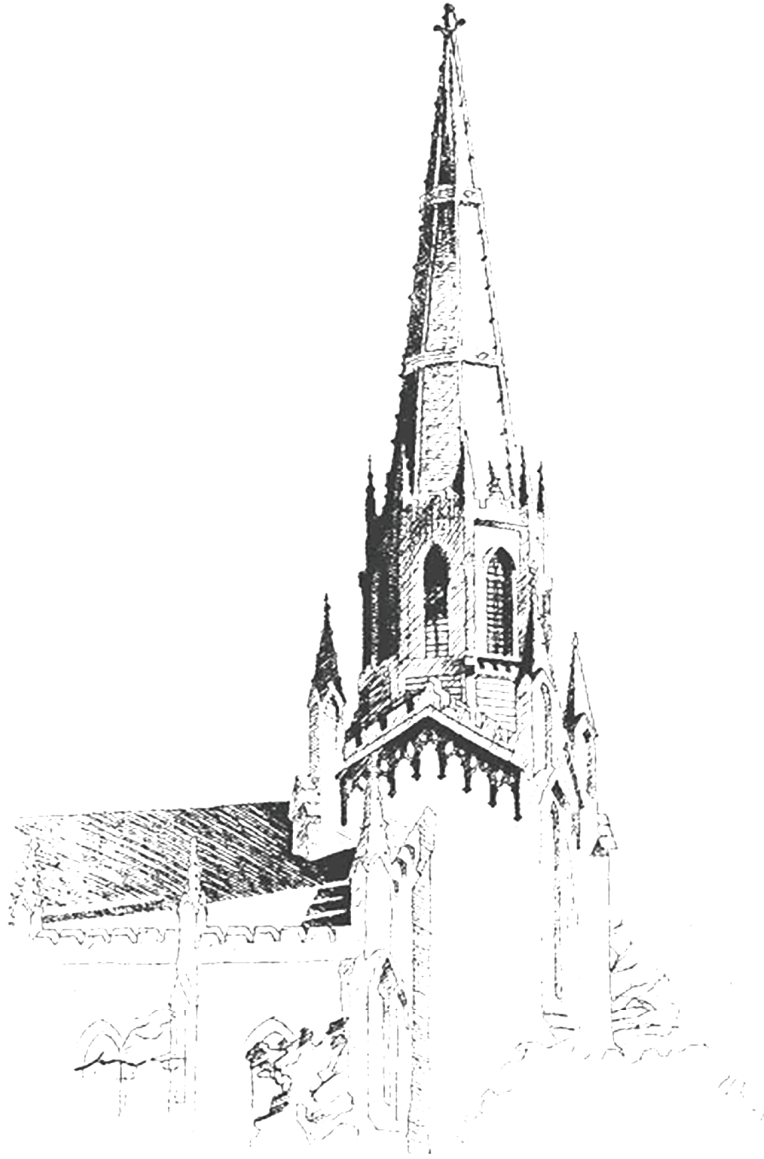
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On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.

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See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

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“Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it!

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and the scant measure that is accursed?

<sup>11</sup> Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales

and with a bag of deceitful weights?

<sup>12</sup> Your rich men are full of violence;  
your inhabitants speak lies,  
and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow,  
making you desolate because of your sins.

<sup>14</sup> You shall eat, but not be satisfied,  
and there shall be hunger within you;  
you shall put away, but not preserve,  
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<sup>15</sup> You shall sow, but not reap;  
you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil;  
you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine.

<sup>16</sup> For you have kept the statutes of Omri,  
and all the works of the house of Ahab;  
and you have walked in their counsels,  
that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing;  
so you shall bear the scorn of my people.”

<sup>7</sup> Woe is me! For I have become  
as when the summer fruit has been gathered,  
as when the grapes have been gleaned:  
there is no cluster to eat,  
no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.

<sup>2</sup> The godly has perished from the earth,  
and there is no one upright among mankind;  
they all lie in wait for blood,  
and each hunts the other with a net.

<sup>3</sup> Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well;  
the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,  
and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul;  
thus they weave it together.

<sup>4</sup> The best of them is like a brier,  
the most upright of them a thorn hedge.

The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come;  
now their confusion is at hand.

<sup>5</sup> Put no trust in a neighbor;

have no confidence in a friend;  
guard the doors of your mouth  
from her who lies in your arms;  
6 for the son treats the father with contempt,  
the daughter rises up against her mother,  
the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
a man's enemies are the men of his own house.  
7 But as for me, I will look to the Lord;  
I will wait for the God of my salvation;  
my God will hear me.

## SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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I will trust thee,  
All my life thou shalt control;  
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In the past, too, unbelieving,  
'Midst the tempest I have been,  
And my heart has slowly trusted  
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Teach me on thine arm to lean;  
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When defeat seems strangely near;  
Oh, for faith that changes fighting  
Into vict'ry's ringing cheer!  
Faith triumphant,  
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