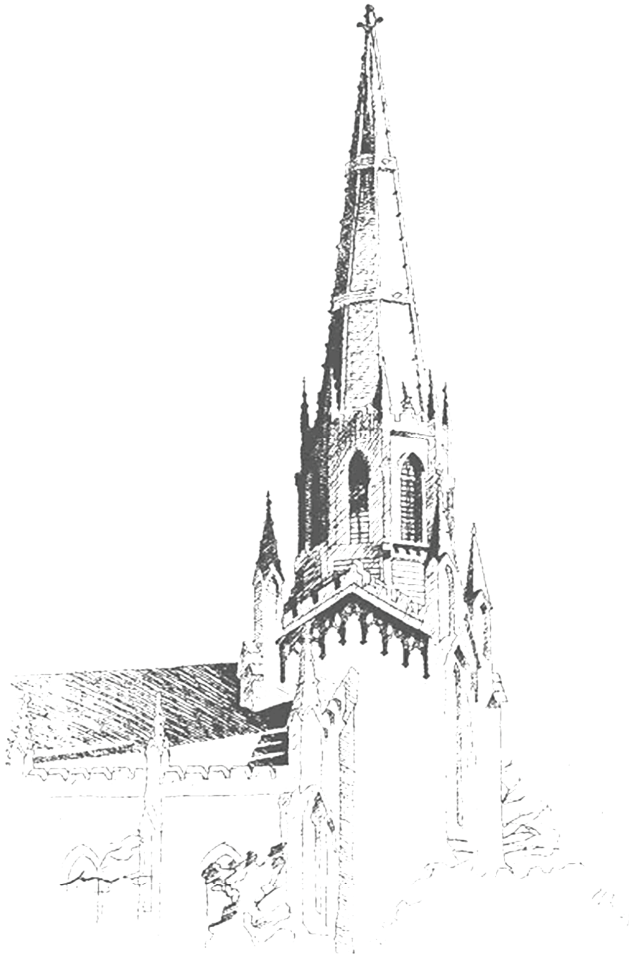


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**SERMON "A God Who Throws Our Sins Away"**

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**PRAYER**

+ **HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**+ BENEDICTION**

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May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
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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**

Dr. Ann B. Wilson, piano

# The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1*

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2. My soul he re - store a - gain; and  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

• makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 • me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 • will I fear none ill, for - thou art with me;  
 • pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 • sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 • righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 • and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 • oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 • ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun - tains rise,  
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
 he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good,  
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.  
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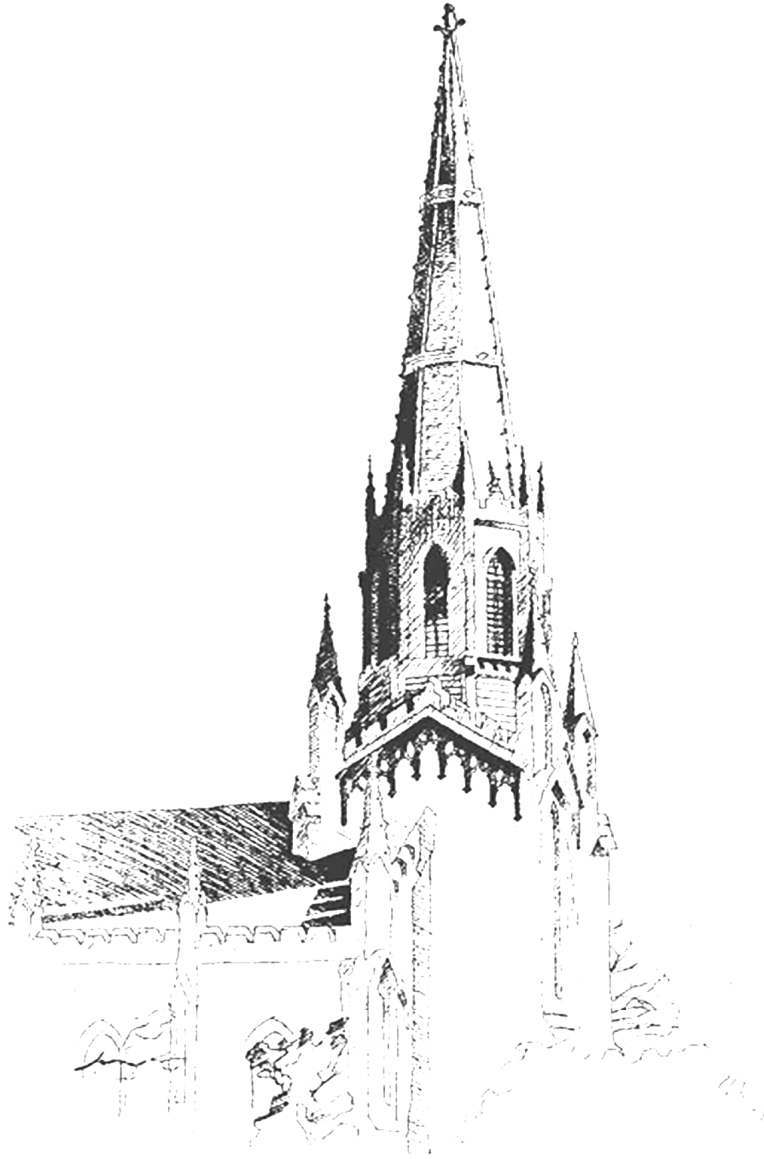
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and all the stars obey.

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<sup>15</sup> As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,  
I will show them marvelous things.

<sup>16</sup> The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might;  
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<sup>17</sup> they shall lick the dust like a serpent,  
like the crawling things of the earth;  
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and they shall be in fear of you.

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and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
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<sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us;  
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You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

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and steadfast love to Abraham,  
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from the days of old.

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