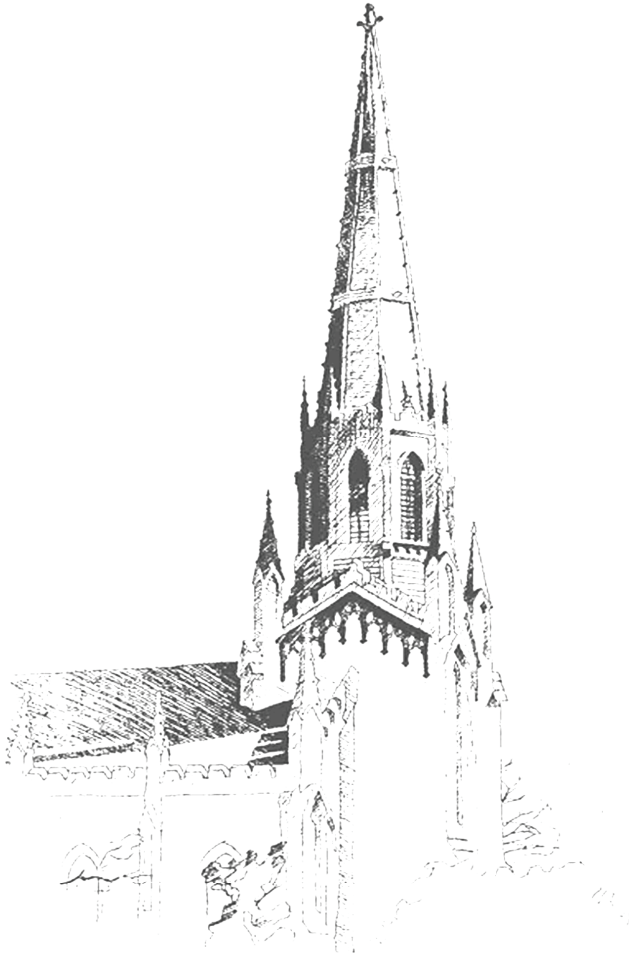


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### CALL TO WORSHIP

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+ **HYMN 441** *Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

*Please find the music on page 5 of your bulletin.*

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**POSTLUDE** *Variation on "St. Columba"*

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## Jesus Shall Reign

*He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8*

♩ D A<sup>7</sup> D G C<sup>#dim</sup> D A E<sup>7</sup> A 7 D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

G D Em D A D A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to  
 thron - e to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall  
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -  
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
 hon - or - s to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

A 7 D G C<sup>#dim</sup> D Em<sup>7</sup> D Em D A<sup>7</sup> D 7

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

# How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

469

*A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. Luke 14:16*

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place  
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,  
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with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing  
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5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
 constrain the earth to come;  
 send your victorious Word abroad,  
 and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full,  
 that all the chosen race  
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
 sing your redeeming grace.

# 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 - tles 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  
 reign, might - y God, as - sert thy cause, and gov - ern by 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.

# SERMON NOTES

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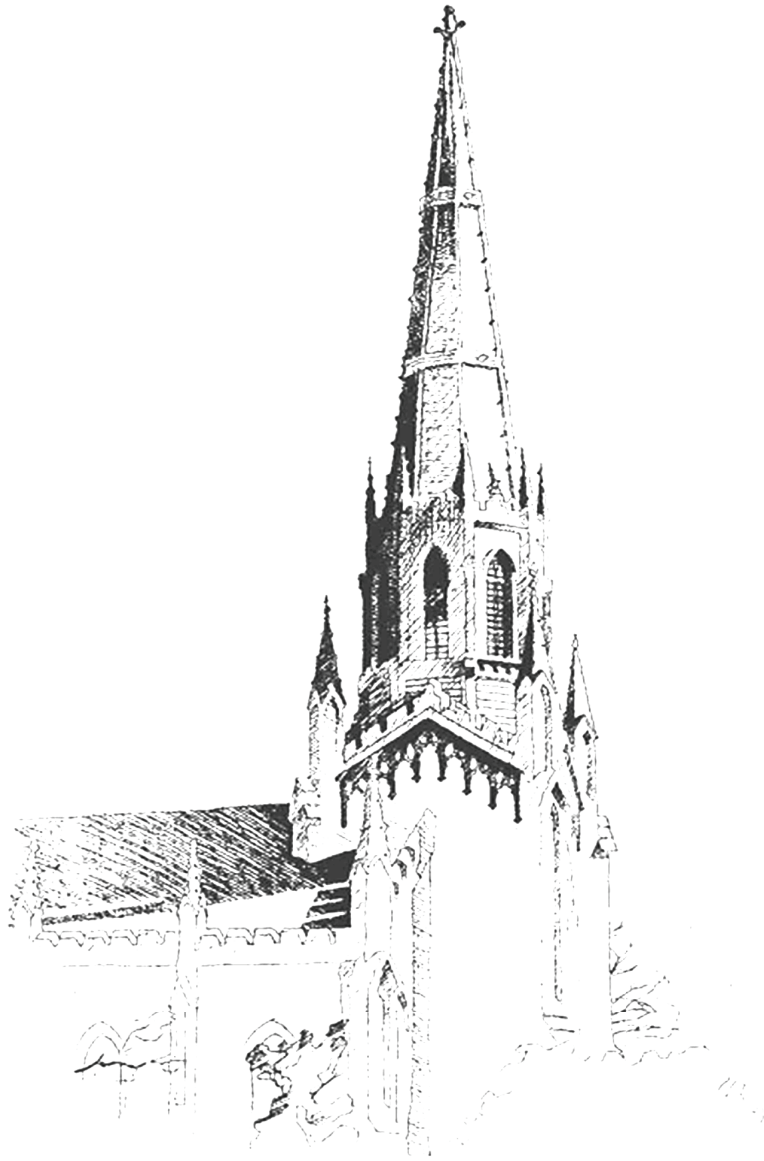
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To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King,  
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and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."  
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And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
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when the breath of the Lord blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
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but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
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and gently lead those that are with young.

**SERMON “Voices of Comfort”**

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How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors,  
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While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
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“Why was I made to hear your voice,  
And enter while there’s room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice,  
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Bring distant nations near  
To sing thy glorious praise;  
Let ev'ry people hear  
And learn thy holy ways:  
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,  
And govern by thy righteous laws,  
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Send forth thy glorious pow'r,  
That Gentiles all may see,  
And earth present her store  
In converts born to thee:  
God, our own God, thy church O bless,  
And fill the world with righteousness,  
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