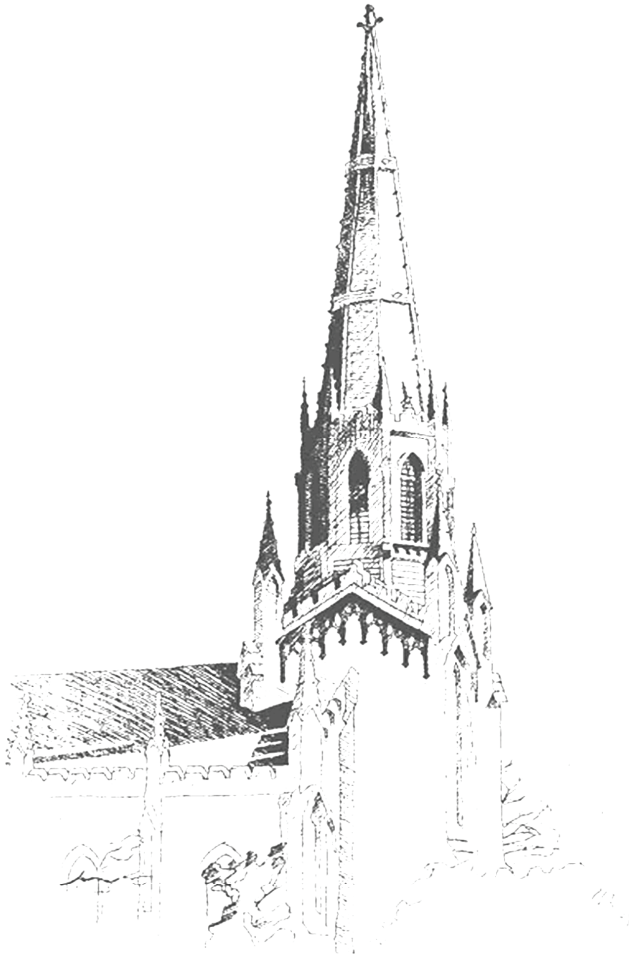


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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 164** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

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+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

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(ESV Standard Bible page 942; Children’s Bible page 1225)

SERMON “Matters of Life and Death”

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PRAYER

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+ **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.*

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POSTLUDE *Marche Largamente from Orb and Sceptre*

Arranged by Robert Gower

Mrs. Lenora Jeffcoat, organ

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
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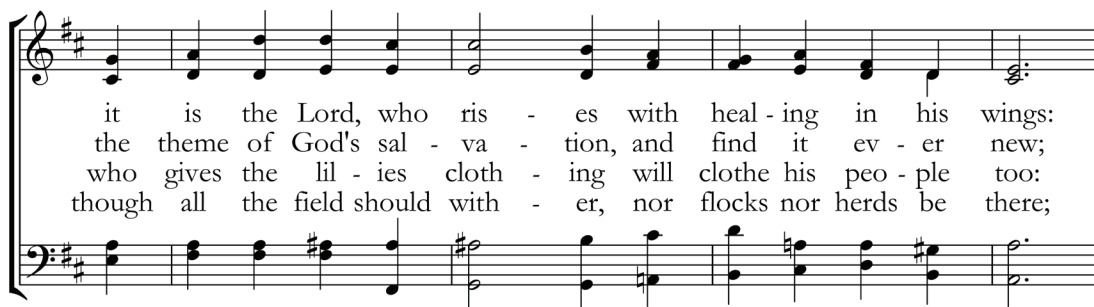
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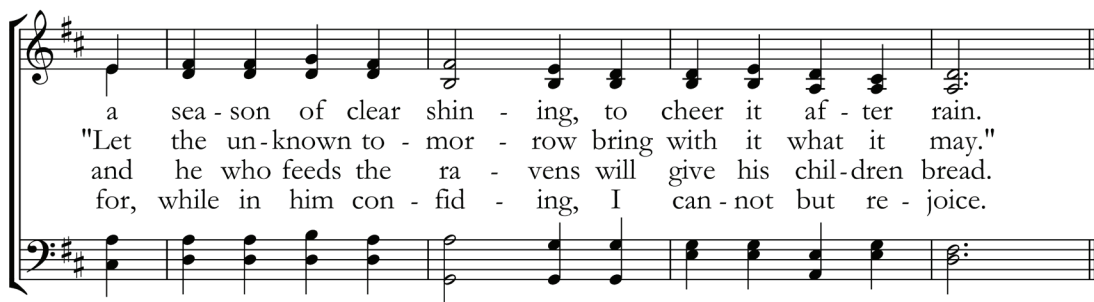
1. Some- times a light sur - pris - es the Chris-tian while he sings;
 2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3. It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit shall bear,



it is the Lord, who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings:
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple too:
 though all the field should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;



when com-forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread-ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - eth, his praise shall tune my voice,



a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un-known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil-dren bread.
 for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice."

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

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praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

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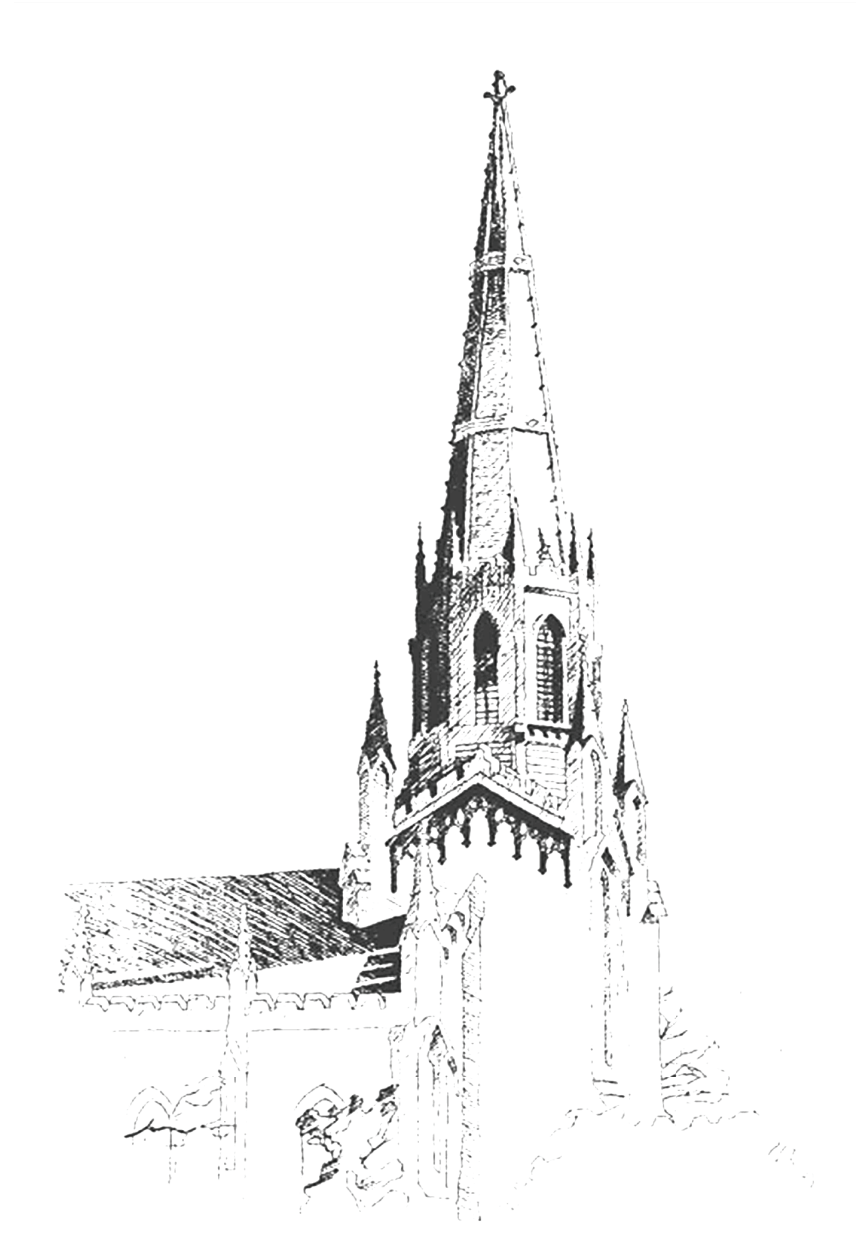
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AURELIA

Sometimes a light surprises
Believers while they sing;
Is is the Lord who rises
With healing in his wings;
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining
To cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation,
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
E'en let th'unknown to tomorrow
Bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing
But he will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing
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*O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

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But purer and higher and greater will be
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