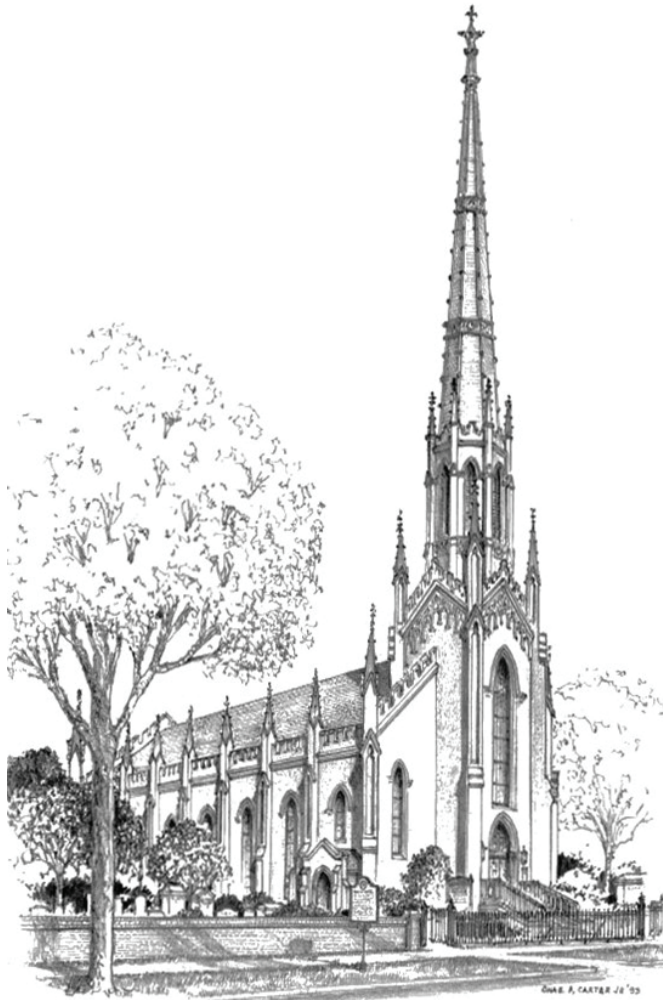


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Lord's Day, July 19, 2026

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+ **HYMN 5** *God, My King, Thy Might Confessing*

STUTT GART

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+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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LADY STREET

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(Lamentations 3:22–23, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ **HYMN 364** *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

DUNDEE

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RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Arranged by Paul S. Jones

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be!

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
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Mrs. Holly Cole, soprano

+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 44

(ESV Standard Bible page 470, Children's Bible page 603)

SERMON "Bewildered by God"

Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ **HYMN** *Arise O God and Shine*

DARWALL

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+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 730** *Benediction*

EVENING PRAYER

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565*

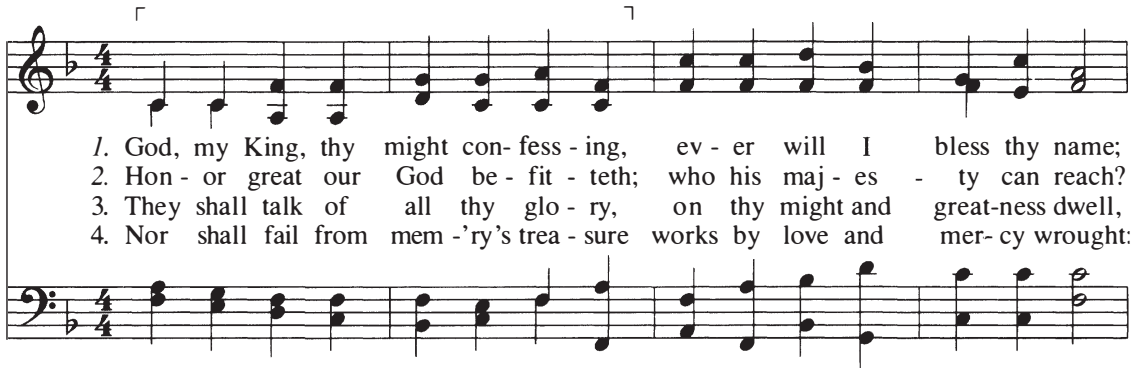
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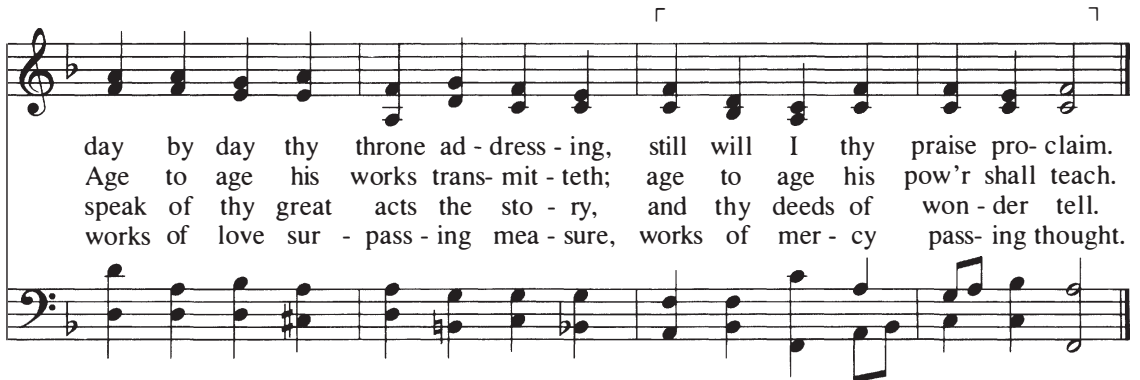
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

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I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Ps. 145:1



1. God, my King, thy might con-fess-ing, ev-er will I bless thy name;
2. Hon-or great our God be-fit-teth; who his maj-es-ty can reach?
3. They shall talk of all thy glo-ry, on thy might and great-ness dwell,
4. Nor shall fail from mem-'ry's trea-sure works by love and mer-cy wrought;



day by day thy throne ad-dress-ing, still will I thy praise pro-claim.
Age to age his works trans-mit-teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
speak of thy great acts the sto-ry, and thy deeds of won-der tell.
works of love sur-pass-ing mea-sure, works of mer-cy pass-ing thought.

5. Full of kindness and compassion,
slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation;
all his works his goodness prove.

6. All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1

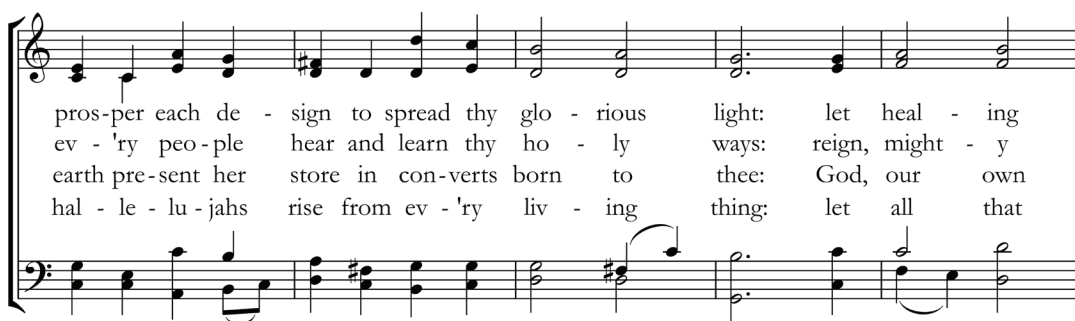
1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per - formed of old;
 2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his works of pow'r and grace;
 3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and they a - gain to theirs;
 4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their hope se - cure - ly stands,

which in our youn - ger years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.
 and we'll con - vey his won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
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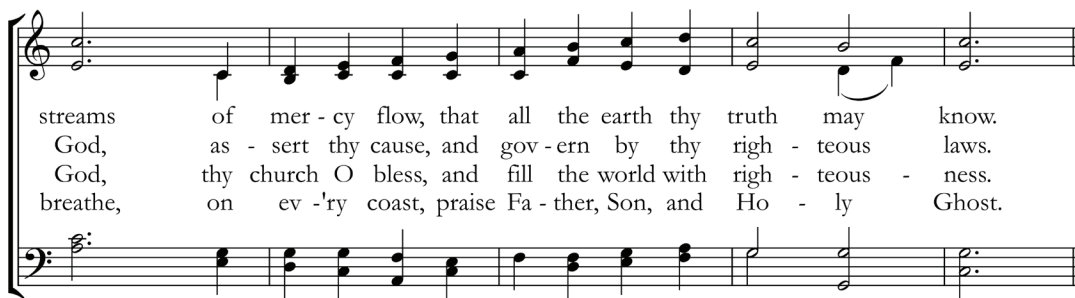
Arise O God and Shine



1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav - ing might, and
 2. Bring dis - tant na - tions near to sing thy glo - rious praise; let
 3. Send forth thy glo - rious pow'r, that Gen - tiles all may see, and
 4. To God, the on - ly wise, the one im - mor - tal King, let



pros-per each de - sign to spread thy glo - rious light: let heal - ing
 ev - 'ry peo-ple hear and learn thy ho - ly ways: reign, might - y
 earth pre-sent her store in con-verts born to thee: God, our own
 hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev - 'ry liv - ing thing: let all that



streams of mer - cy flow, that all the earth thy truth may know.
 God, as - sert thy cause, and gov - ern by thy righ - teous laws.
 God, thy church O bless, and fill the world with righ - teous - ness.
 breathe, on ev - 'ry coast, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SERMON NOTES

“Bewildered by God”

Psalm 44 | Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton

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Grounded in Grace, Growing in Godliness

“Matters of Life and Death”

Romans 6:1–11 | Rev. Josh Squires

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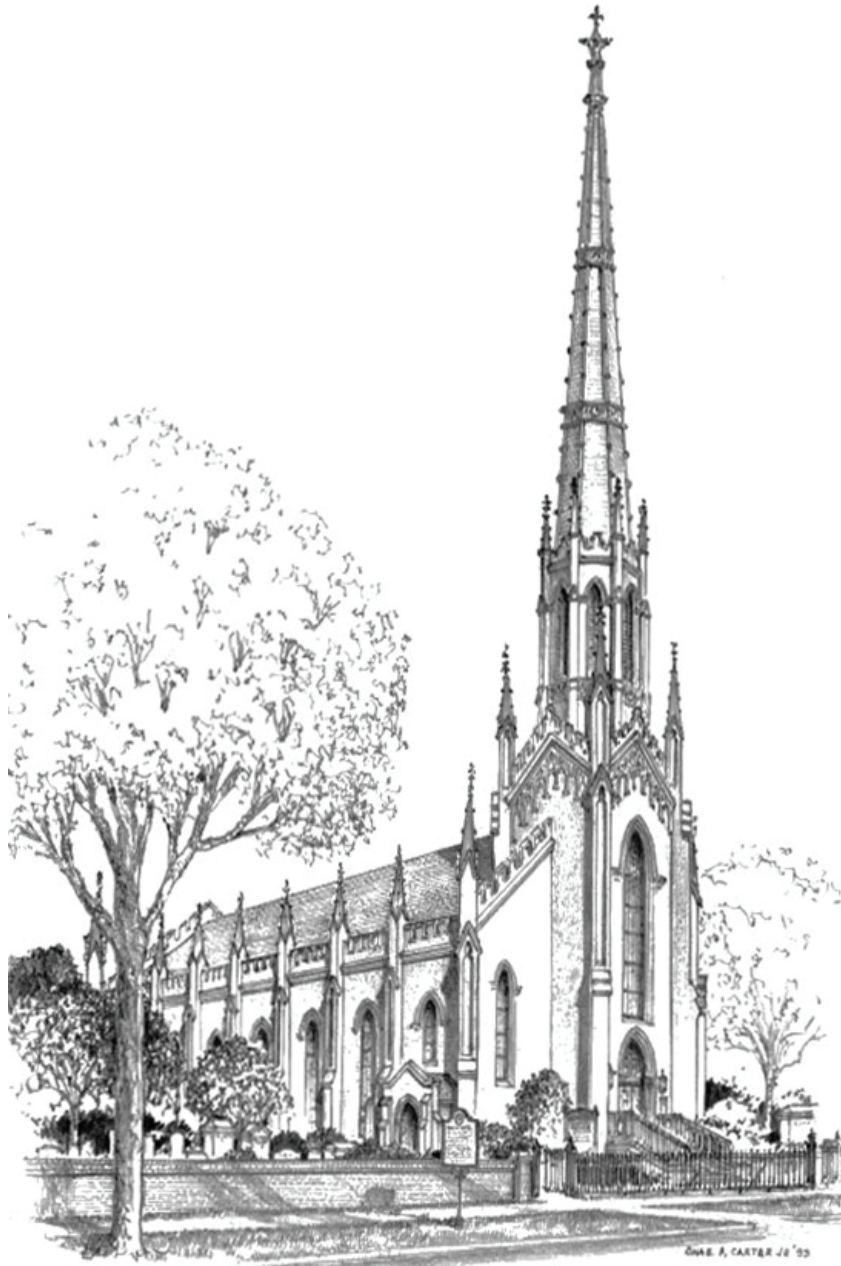
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DUNDEE

Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old;
Which in our younger years we saw,
And which our fathers told.

He bids us make his glories know,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey his wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our lips shall tell them to our sons,
And they again to theirs;
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

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our fathers have told us,
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in the days of old:
- ² you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;
- ³ for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,
but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.
- ⁴ You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!

- ⁵ Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.
- ⁶ For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.
- ⁷ But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
- ⁸ In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever. *Selah*
- ⁹ But you have rejected us and disgraced us
and have not gone out with our armies.
- ¹⁰ You have made us turn back from the foe,
and those who hate us have gotten spoil.
- ¹¹ You have made us like sheep for slaughter
and have scattered us among the nations.
- ¹² You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.
- ¹³ You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
the derision and scorn of those around us.
- ¹⁴ You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face
- ¹⁶ at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.
- ¹⁷ All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you,
and we have not been false to your covenant.
- ¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way;
- ¹⁹ yet you have broken us in the place of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of death.
- ²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
- ²¹ would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.

- ²² Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.
- ²³ Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
- ²⁴ Why do you hide your face?
Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?
- ²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly clings to the ground.
- ²⁶ Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton

“Bewildered by God”

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Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
And govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
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Let all that breathe, on every coast,
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