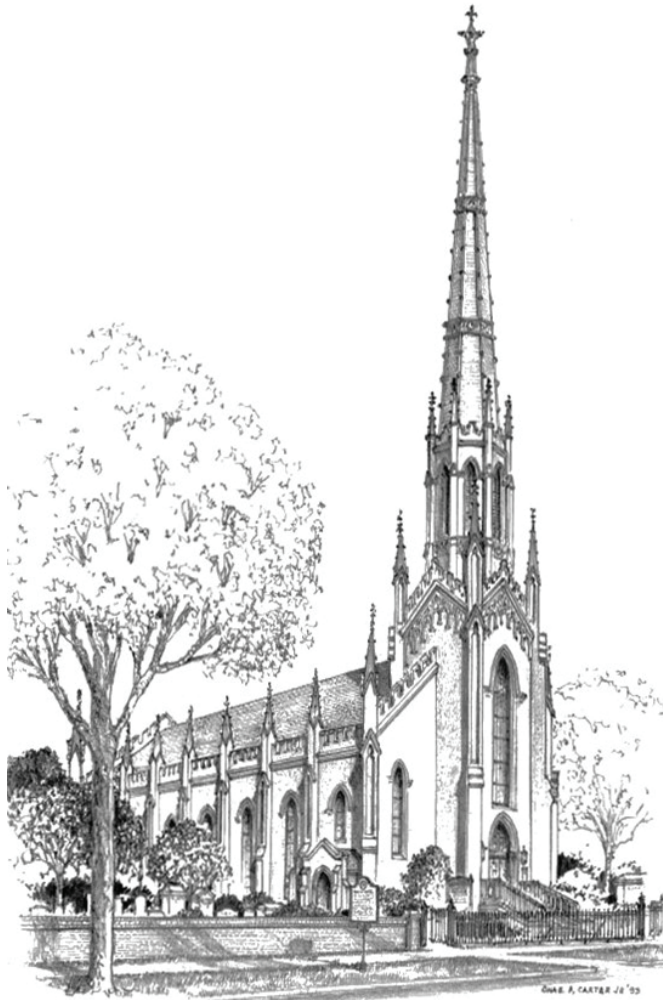


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WARRINGTON

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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.

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MORNING PRAYER

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RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

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+ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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(ESV Standard Bible page 493; Children's Bible page 632)

SERMON “Longing for Heaven, Longing for God”

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EWING

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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 *Entrée, Op. 62*

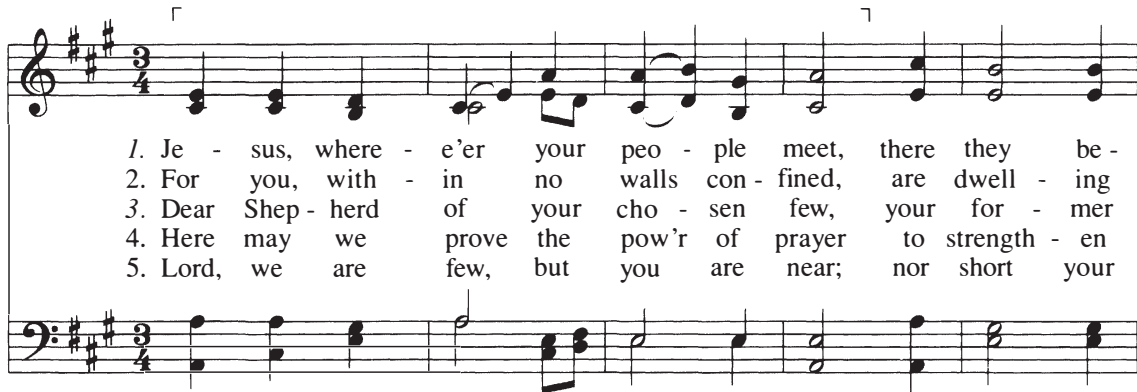
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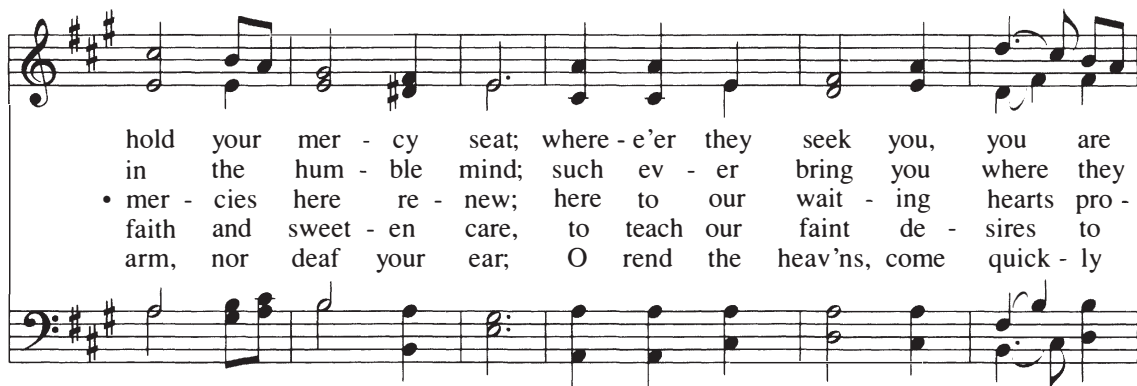
Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

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Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matt. 18:20



1. Je - sus, where - e'er your peo - ple meet, there they be -
 2. For you, with - in no walls con - fined, are dwell - ing
 3. Dear Shep - herd of your cho - sen few, your for - mer
 4. Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer to strength - en
 5. Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your



hold your mer - cy seat; where - e'er they seek you, you are
 in the hum - ble mind; such ev - er bring you where they
 • mer - cies here re - new; here to our wait - ing hearts pro -
 faith and sweet - en care, to teach our faint de - sires to
 arm, nor deaf your ear; O rend the heav'n's, come quick - ly



found, and ev - 'ry place is hal - lowed ground.
 come, and go - ing, take you to their home.
 • claim the sweet - ness of your sav - ing name.
 rise, and bring all of heav'n be - fore our eyes.
 down, and make a thou - sand hearts your own.

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

371

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! Ps. 84:1

1. O Lord of Hosts, how love - ly the place where thou dost dwell!
 2. Blest who thy house in - hab - it, they ev - er give thee praise;
 3. O hear, Lord God of Ja - cob, to me an an - swer yield;
 4. Our sun and shield, Je - ho - vah, will grace and glo - ry give;

Thy tab - er - na - cles ho - ly in pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.
 blest all whom thou dost strength - en, who love the sa - cred ways.
 the face of thine a - noint - ed, be - hold, O God, our shield.
 no good will he de - ny them that up - right - ly do live.

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, Je - ho - vah's courts to see;
 So they from strength un - wea - ried go for - ward un - to strength,
 One day ex - cels a thou - sand if spent thy courts with - in;
 O God of hosts, Je - ho - vah, how blest is ev - 'ry - one

my heart and flesh are cry - ing, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 till they ap - pear in Zi - on be - fore the Lord at length.
 I'll choose thy thresh - old, rath - er than dwell in tents of sin.
 who con - fi - dence re - pos - es on thee, O Lord, a - lone.

Jerusalem the Golden

The city [was] of pure gold, as pure as glass. Rev. 21:18

1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2. They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3. There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4. O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!

be - neath your con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed.
 and bright with man - y an an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng.
 the song of them that tri - umph, the shout of them that feast;
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!

I know not, O I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest;

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who are, with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it, ev - er blest.

SERMON NOTES

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Psalm 84 | Dr. Jonathan Gibson

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Grounded in Grace, Growing in Godliness

“Dominion Destroyed”

Romans 6:12–14 | Rev. Josh Squires

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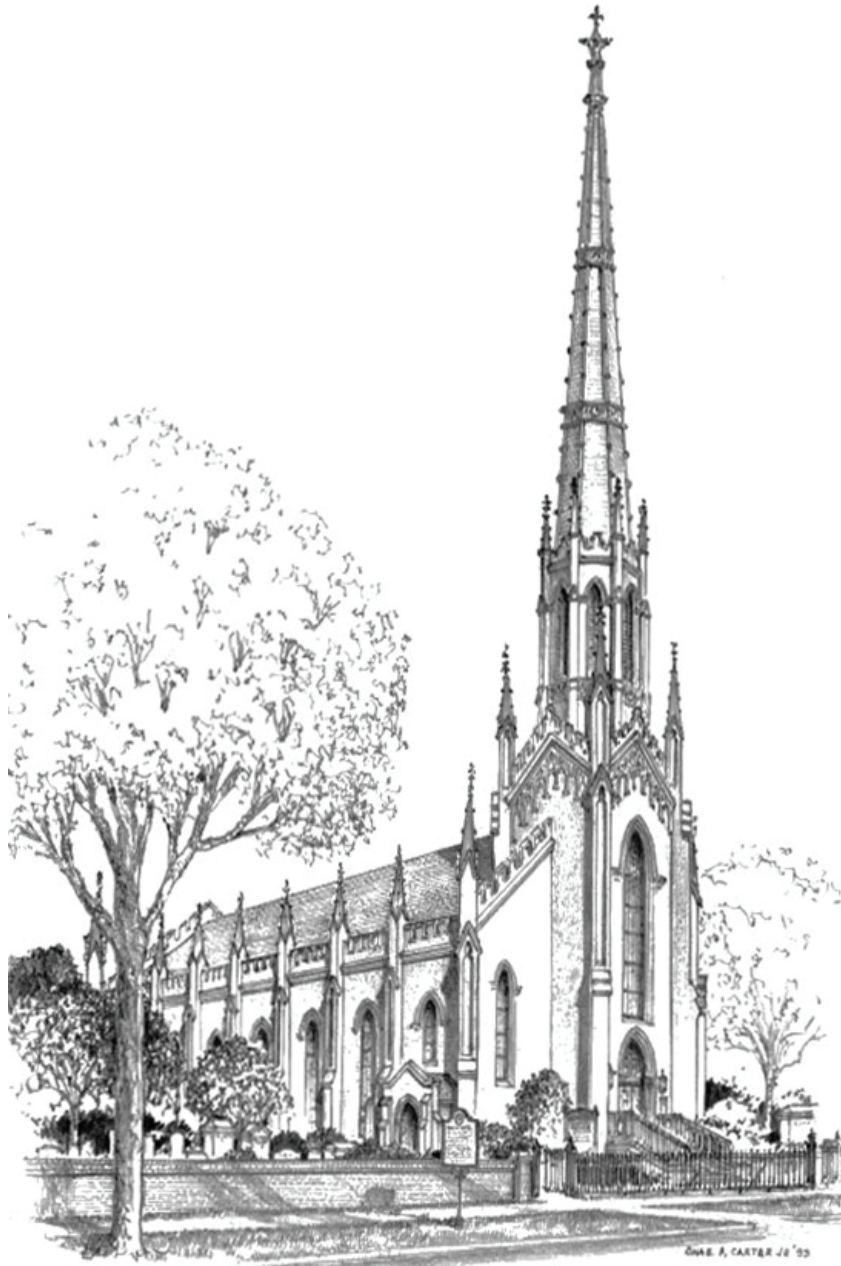
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For you, within no walls confined,
Are dwelling in the humble mind;
Such ever bring you where they come,
And going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,
Your former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of your saving Name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care,
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heav'n before our eyes.
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The place where thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy
In pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting,
Jehovah's courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for thee.

Blest who thy house inhabit,
They ever give thee praise;
Blest all whom thou dost strengthen,
Who love the sacred ways.
So they from strength unwearied
Go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion
Before the Lord at length.

O hear, Lord God of Jacob,
To me an answer yield;
The face of thine anointed,
Behold, O God, our shield.
One day excels a thousand
If spent thy courts within;
I'll choose thy threshold, rather
Than dwell in tents of sin.

Our sun and shield, Jehovah,
Will grace and glory give;
No good will he deny them
That uprightly do live.
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How blest is ev'ryone
Who confidence reposes
On thee, O Lord, alone.

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and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! *Selah*
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- ⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
- ⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

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the Lord bestows favor and honor.

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SERMON

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“Longing for Heaven, Longing for God”

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EWING

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
Beneath your contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not, what joys await us there;
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

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