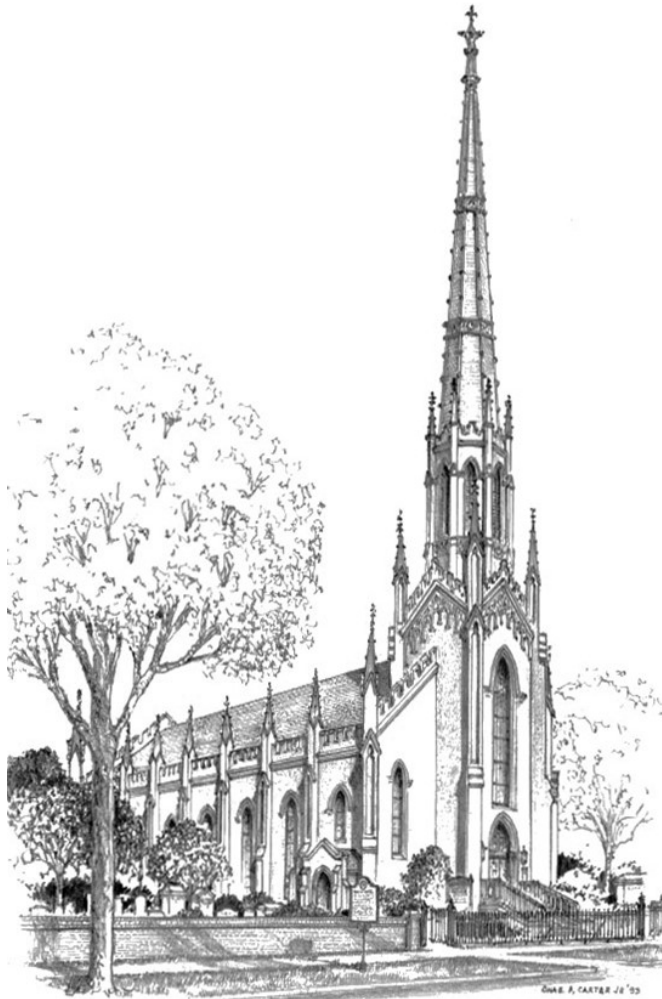


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Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver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

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Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You know all things, and by You all actions are weighed; nothing is hidden from Your sight. You charge Your angels with folly, and the heavens are not pure in Your eyes; how much less we who are corrupt, who drink iniquity like water. Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your lovingkindness and Your abundant compassion, remember us. For Your own Name’s sake, pardon our iniquity, for it is great. Blot out our transgressions, wash us, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may walk before You as children of light. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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+ HYMN 498 *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!* HYFRYDOL
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RECEIVING OF THE LORD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Psalm 147, from *Hallelu Yah: Three Psalms of Praise* Dan Forrest

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
How pleasant and fitting to praise Him.
The Lord delights in those who fear Him,
Who hope in His unfailing love.
Hallelu Yah.

+ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:1–6
(ESV Standard Bible page 977; Children’s Bible page 1267)

SERMON “The Secret God Couldn’t Keep” Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE From *Psalm 139* HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart.
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try.
Keep me from any path that gives Thee pain.
And lead me in the everlasting way.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Major* Marcel Lanquettuit
Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
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God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
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tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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.
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SERMON NOTES

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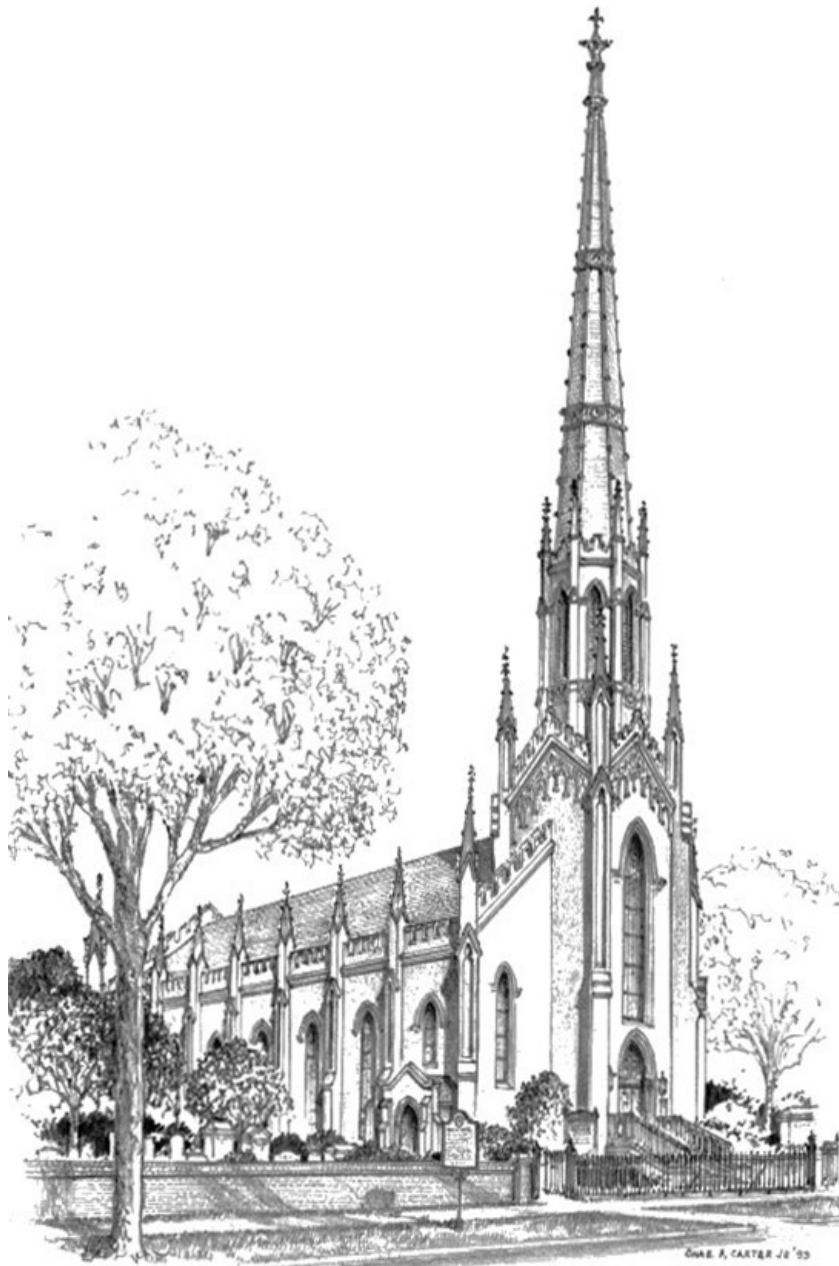
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NICAEA

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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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From ev'ry living thing:
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