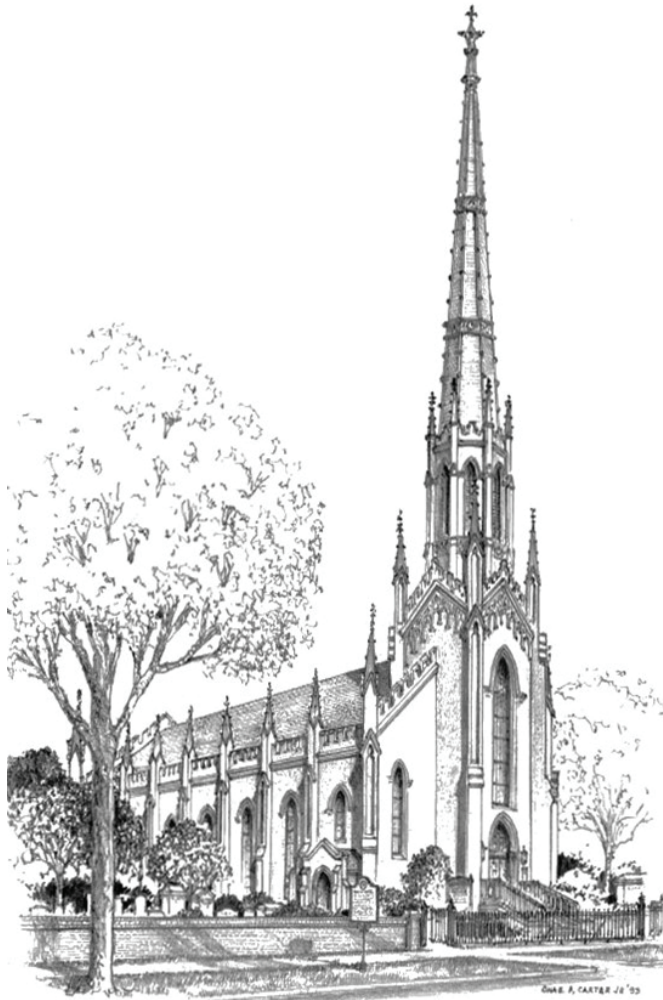


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THAXTED

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LADY STREET

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MEIRIONYDD

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## RECEIVING OF THE LORD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Love of the Father*

Richard Lloyd

Love of the Father, love of God the Son,  
From whom all came, in whom was all begun;  
Who formest heav’nly beauty out of strife,  
Creation’s whole desire and breath of life.

Thou the all holy, Thou supreme in might,  
Thou dost give peace, Thy presence maketh right;  
Thou with Thy favour all things dost enfold,  
With Thine all kindness free from harm wilt hold.

Hope of all comfort, splendor of all aid,  
That dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid;  
To all that cry Thou dost all help accord,  
The angels’ armour, and the saints’ reward.

Purest and highest, wisest and most just,  
There is no truth save only in Thy trust;  
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,  
And bring, through Christ, to Him for whom are all.

Eternal glory, all men Thee adore,  
Who art and shalt be worshipped evermore:  
Us whom Thou madest, comfort with Thy might,  
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**SERMON “Be Careful, Little Lips, What You Say!”**

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

**PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD**

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LANCASHIRE

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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** *Fugue on “How Firm a Foundation”*

Bálint Karosi

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

## O God beyond All Praising

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1*

*Unison*

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68*

1. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am full of sin;  
 2. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am ver - y poor;  
 3. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, and hope to see thee soon,

my soul is dark and guilt - y, my heart is dead with - in.  
 a strang - er and a pil - grim, I have no earth - ly store.  
 en - cir - cled with the rain - bow and seat - ed on thy throne.

I need the cleans - ing foun - tain where I can al - ways flee,  
 I need the love of Je - sus to cheer me on my way,  
 There, with thy blood - bought chil - dren, my joy shall ev - er be,

the blood of Christ most pre - cious, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.  
 to guide my doubt - ing foot - steps, to be my strength and stay.  
 to sing my Je - sus' prais - es, to gaze, O Lord, on thee.

## Rejoice, All Ye Believers

*Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Matt. 25:6*

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;  
 3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'rings bore,  
 4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near:  
 and wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of earth - ly toil.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er, when sor - row is no more:  
 a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he draw - eth nigh;  
 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
 a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.  
 go meet him as he com - eth, with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

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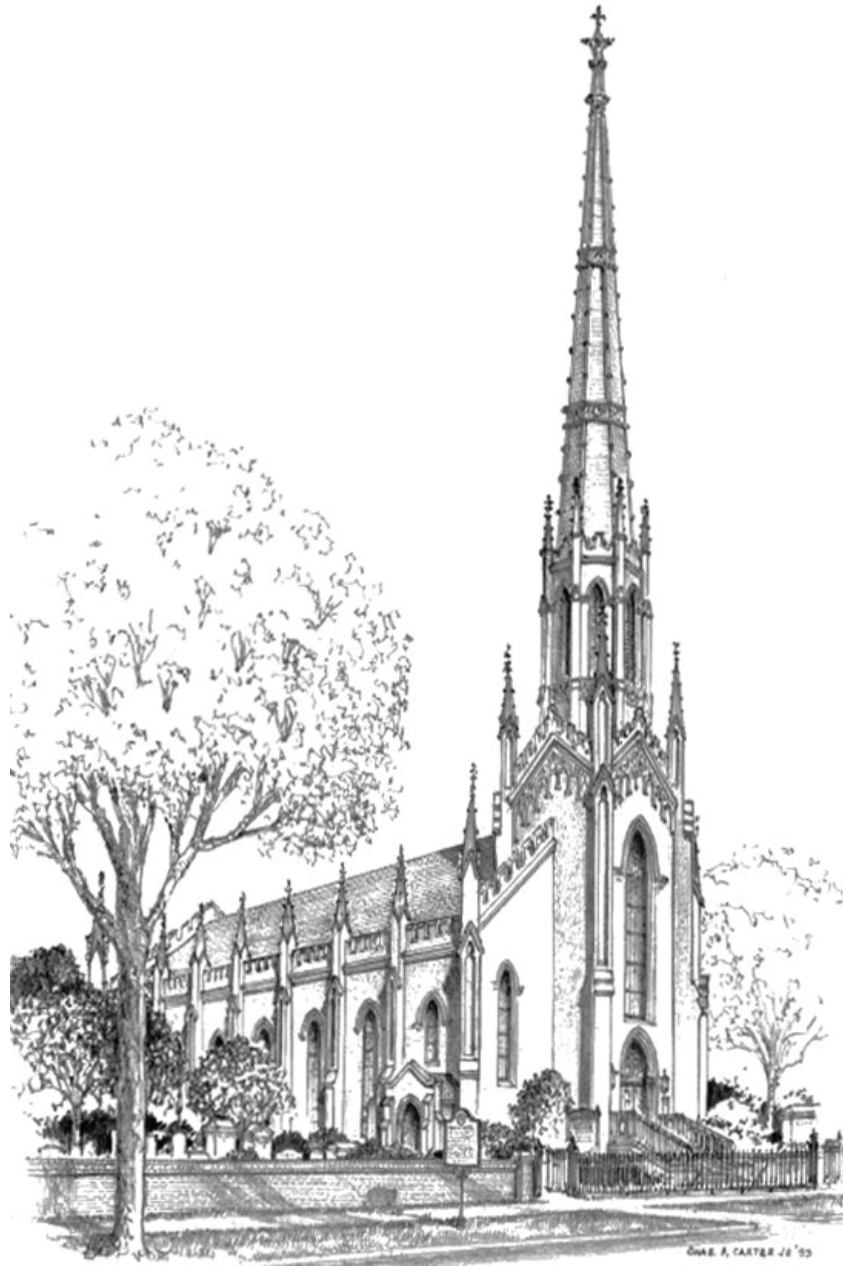
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At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
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That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
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MEIRIONYDD

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My soul is dark and guilty,  
My heart is dead within.  
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**“Be Careful, Little Lips, What You Say!”**

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+ **HYMN 320** *Rejoice, All Ye Believers*

LANCASHIRE

Rejoice, all ye believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near:  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
And soon he draweth nigh;  
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle:  
At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning;  
Replenish them with oil;  
And wait for your salvation,  
The end of earthly toil.  
The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go meet him as he cometh,  
With alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience  
Your cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever,  
When sorrow is no more:  
Around the throne of glory  
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