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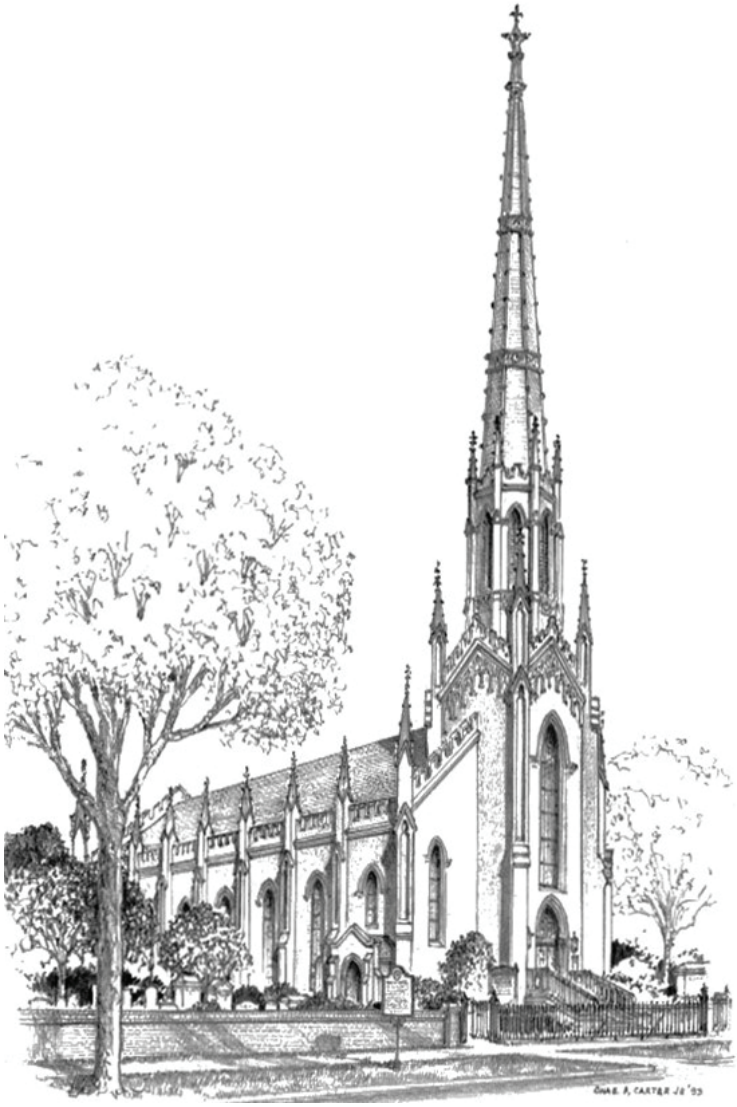
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And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
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With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
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