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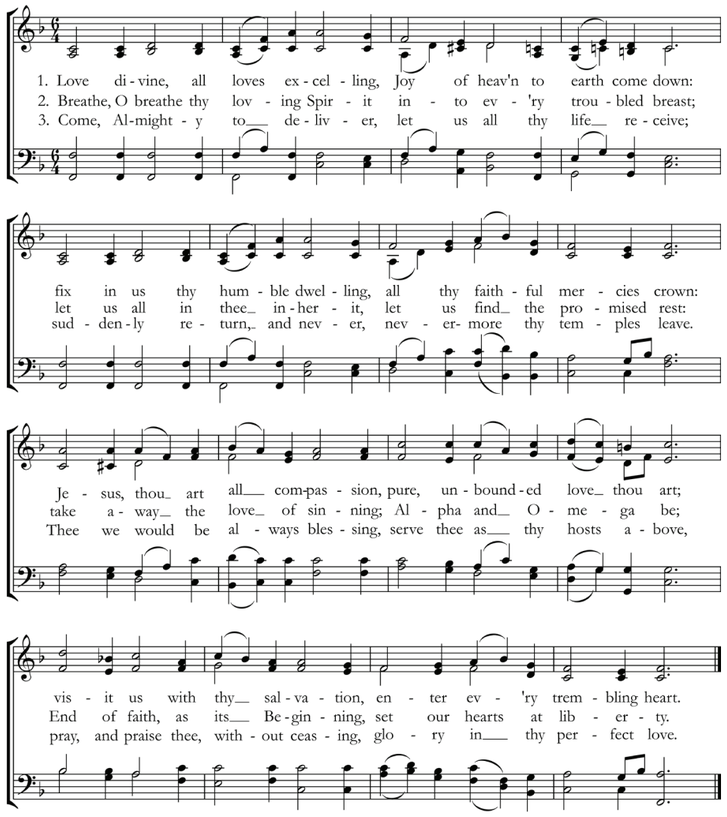
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changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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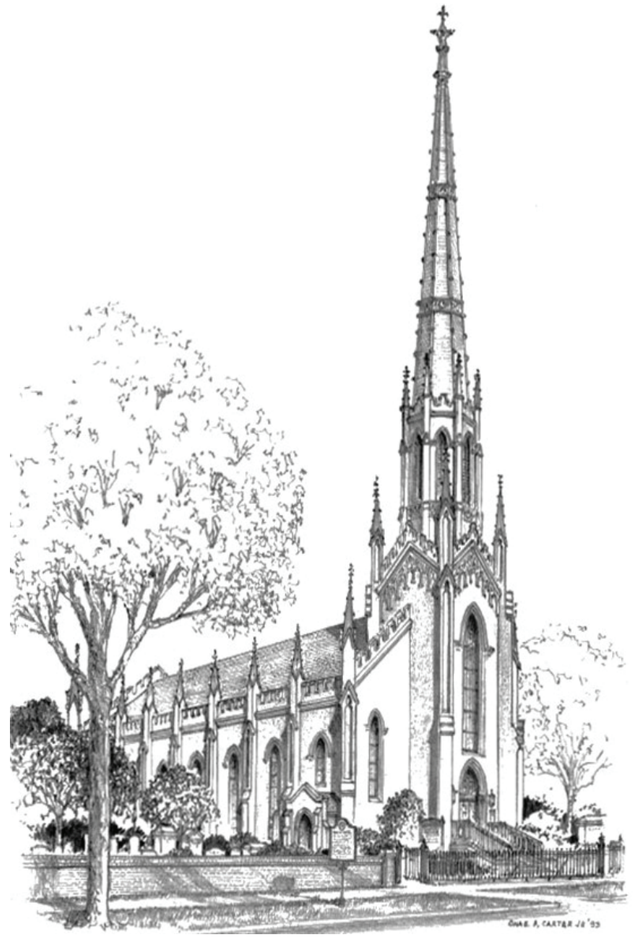
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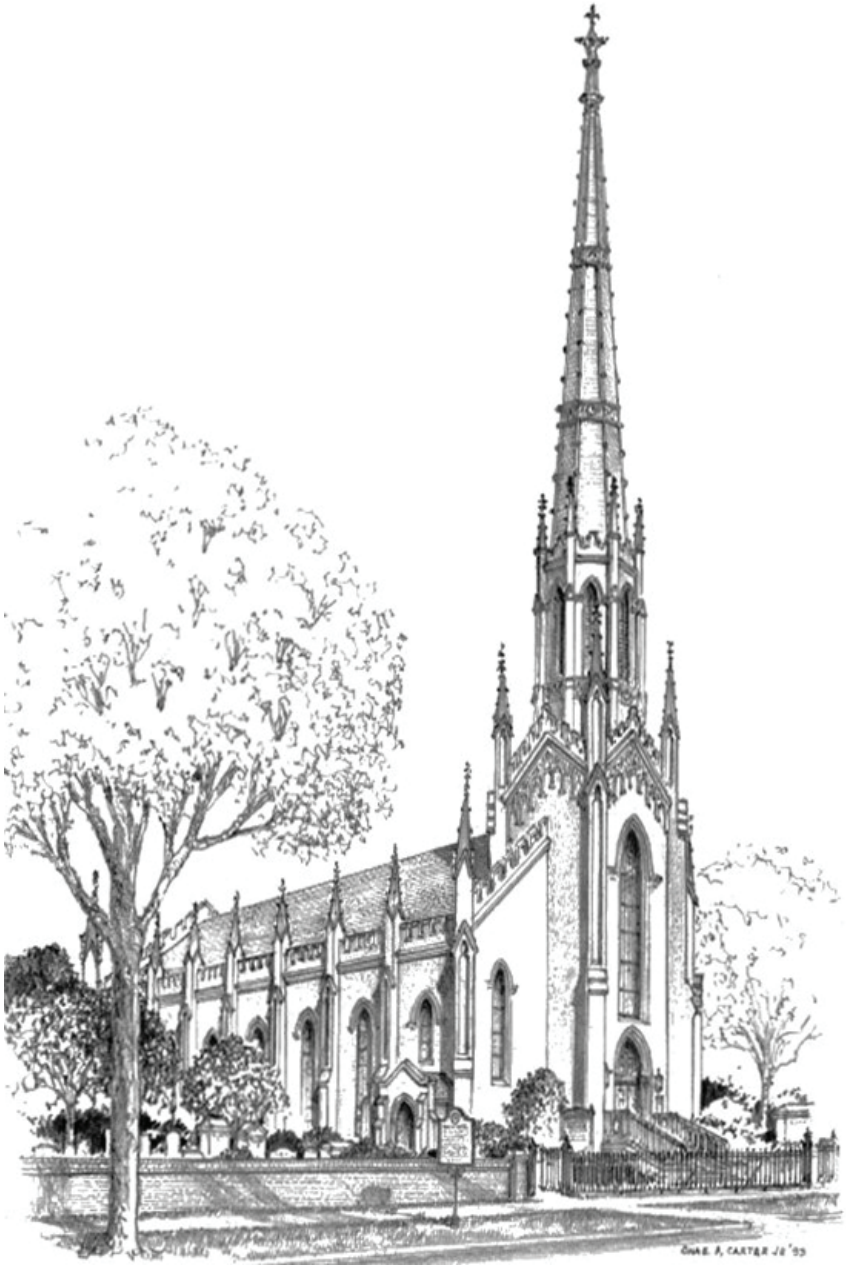


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Slow to chide and swift to bless;
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Widely as his mercy goes.

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Now I give myself to thee.

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All that love of God could give
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Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
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End of faith as its beginning,
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Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
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