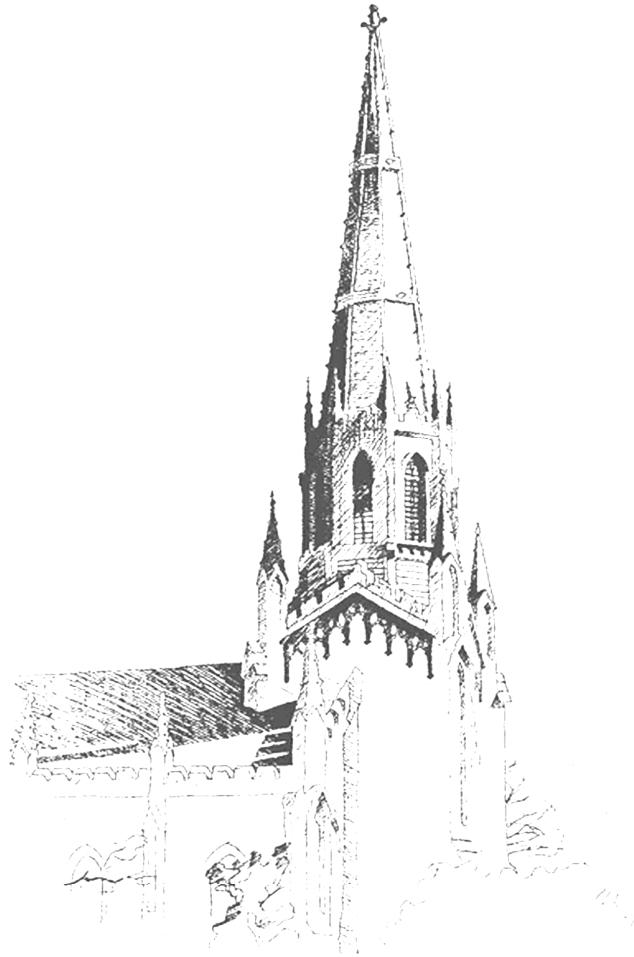


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Please find the music on page 4 of your bulletin.

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POSTLUDE *Variation on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the *LORD*, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the *LORD*, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
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a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
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health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
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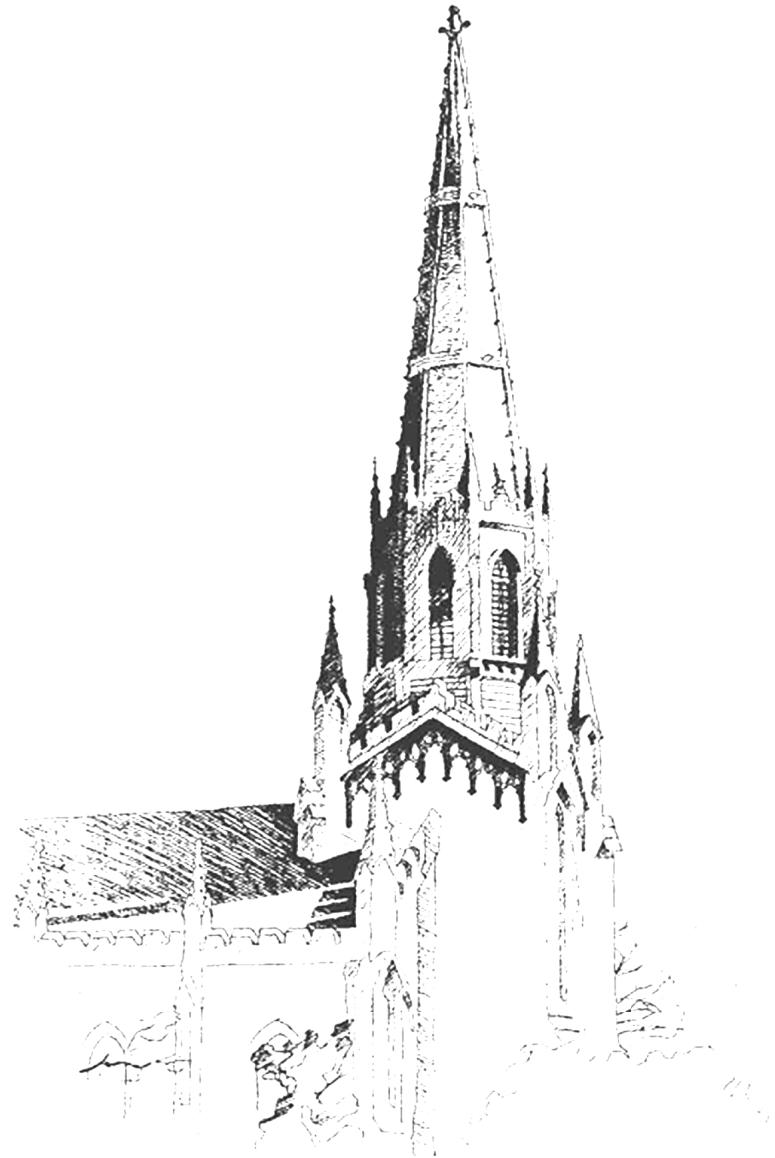
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but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

¹⁵ He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous
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³ To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

²² Do not rob the poor, because he is poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate,

²³ for the Lord will plead their cause
and rob of life those who rob them.

⁸ Open your mouth for the mute,
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⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously,
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