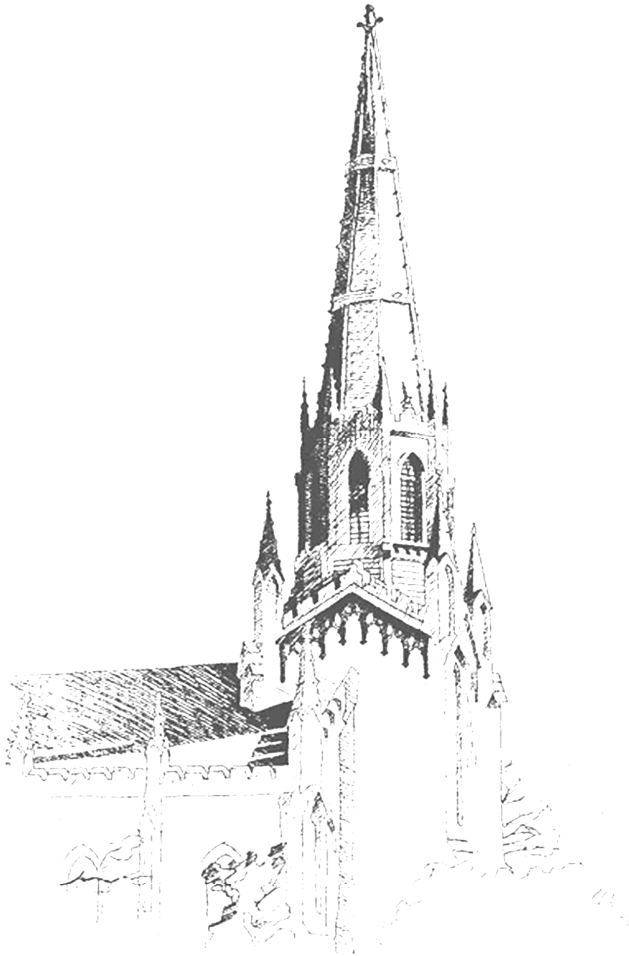


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POSTLUDE *Variation on "Arise, O God"*

RHOSYMEDRE

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Ps. 98:1

1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of
 2. The great sal - va - tion of our God is seen through
 3. He called to mind his truth and grace in prom - ise
 4. All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to

praise with sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by
 all the earth a - broad; be - fore the hea - then's
 made to Is - rael's race; and un - to earth's re -
 him, with shouts re - joice; with voice of joy and

him are done, his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
 won - d'ring sight he has re - vealed his truth and right.
 mot - est bound glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.
 loud ac - claim let all u - nite and praise his name.

5. Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
 with voice of psalms his glory raise;
 with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
 and shout before the Lord, the King.

6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar
 and all that dwell from shore to shore;
 let floods clap hands with one accord,
 let hills rejoice before the Lord.

7. For lo, he comes; at his command
 all nations shall in judgment stand;
 in justice robed and throned in light,
 the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

Arise, O God

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The LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Is. 60:2

1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav - ing might,
 2. Bring dis - tant na - tions near to sing thy glo - rious praise;
 3. Send forth thy glo - rious pow'r, that Gen - tles all may see,
 4. To God, the on - ly wise, the one im - mor - tal King,

and pros - per each de - sign to spread thy glo - rious light:
 let ev - 'ry peo - ple hear and learn thy ho - ly ways:
 and earth pre - sent her store in con - verts born to thee:
 let hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev - 'ry liv - ing thing:

let heal - ing streams of mer - cy flow, that all the earth thy
 reign, might - y God, as - sert thy cause, and gov - ern by thy
 God, our own God, thy church O bless, and fill the world with
 let all that breathe, on ev - 'ry coast, praise Fa - ther, Son, and

truth may know, that all the earth thy truth may know.
 righ - teous laws, and gov - ern by thy righ - teous laws.
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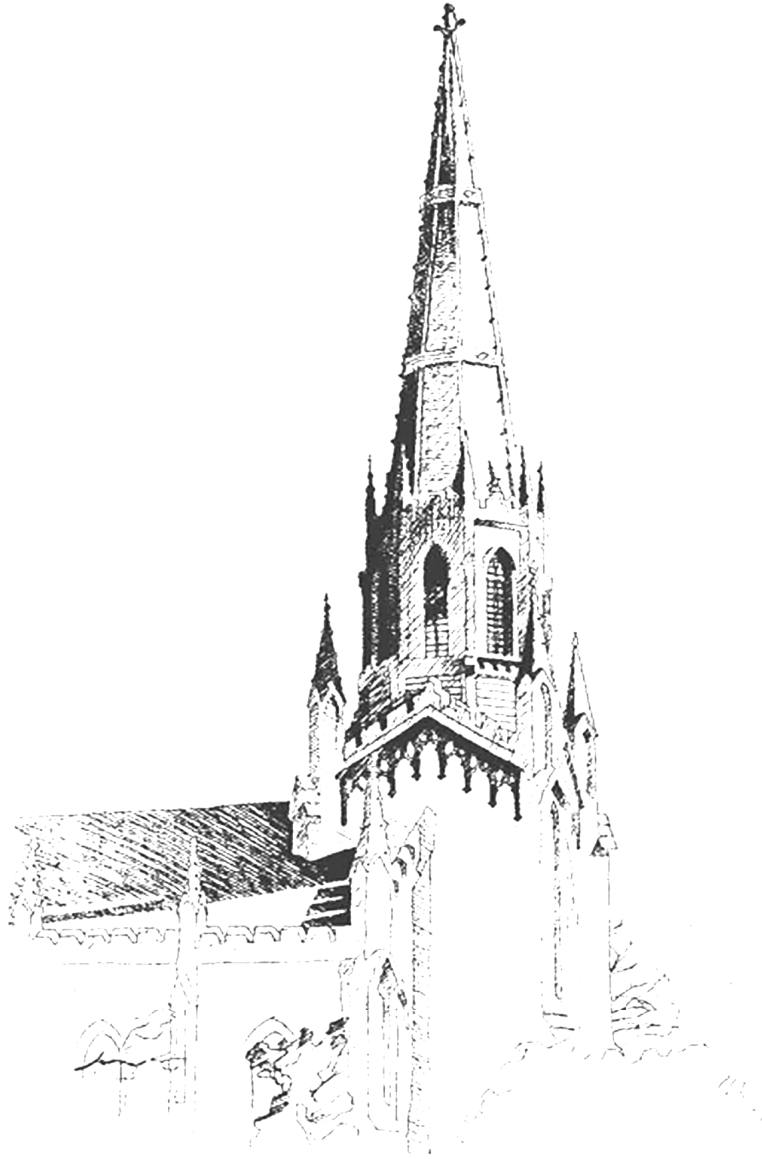
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