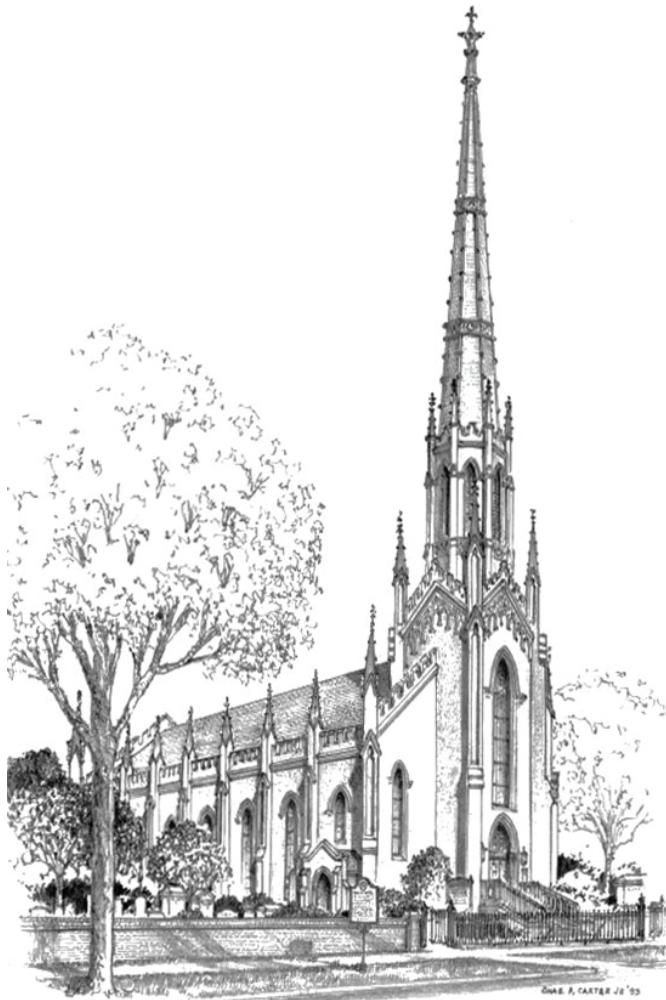


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Lord's Day, February 15, 2026
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The Chancel Choir
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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN 77** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

ANDREWS

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+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
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Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley, 1738

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For that coming, here foreshown,
For that day to man unknown,
For the glory and the throne,
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POSTLUDE *Come, Lord Jesus, from Heaven to Earth*

J. S. Bach

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Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*

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Γ Unison A⁷ Bm D⁷ G D 7 Bm

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en, to his feet your
2. Praise him for his grace and fa-vor to our fa-thers
3. Fa-ther-like, he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour-ish, blows the wind and
5. An-geles, help us to a-dore him; you be-hold him

F#m C⁷ F#m⁷ D A⁷ Bm D G D

trib-ute bring; ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv-en,
in dis-tress; praise him, still the same for - ev-er,
• frame he knows; in his hands he gent-ly bears us,
it is gone; but while mor-tals rise and per-ish,
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be-fore him,

A Bdim⁷ A E⁷ A Em⁷ F#m

who, like me, his praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia!
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia!
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Em' D D' Γ G D Bm Em' A' D 7

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.
Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-ri-ous in his faith-ful-ness.
• Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly as his mer-cy goes.
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the High E-ter-nal One.
Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

I will extend peace to her like a river. Is. 66:12

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er
 wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry, touch the
 ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him

REFRAIN

all the way.
 spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,
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sor - rows cease, Ear - nest of the king - dom's bliss,
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yond the tomb, "Do ye this un - til I come,"

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For the bod - y and the blood, For the more than
For the pas - chal lamb here giv'n, For the loaf with -
For the words that turn our eye To the Cross of
For that com - ing, here fore - shown, For that day to

an - gels' food, For the bound - less grace of God,
 out the leav'n, For the man - na dropt from heav'n,
 Cal - va - ry, Bid - ding us in faith draw nigh,
 man un - known, For the glo - ry and the throne,

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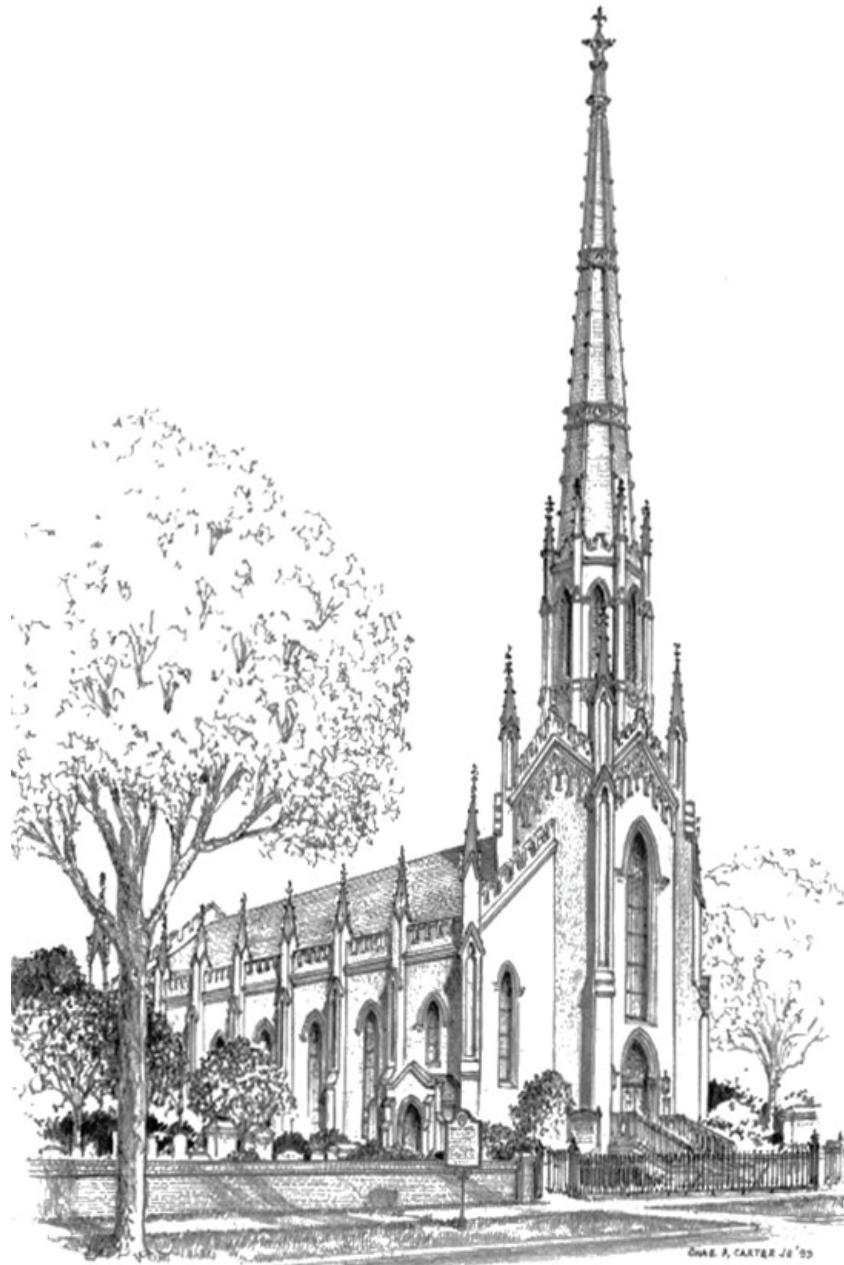
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Perfect, yet it growtheth deeper all the way.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
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Bidding all our sorrows cease,
Earnest of the kingdom's bliss,
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For the paschal lamb here giv'n,
To the loaf without the leav'n,
For the manna dropt from heav'n,
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Only bread and only wine,
Yet to faith the solemn sign
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To the Cross of Calvary,
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