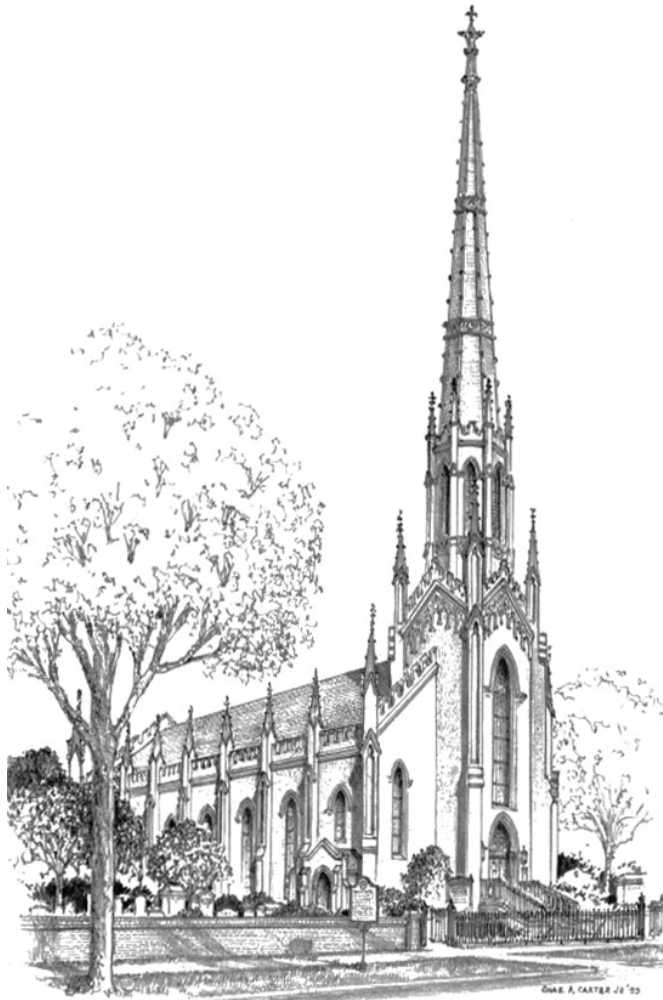


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Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing

The Chancel Choir
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CALL TO WORSHIP

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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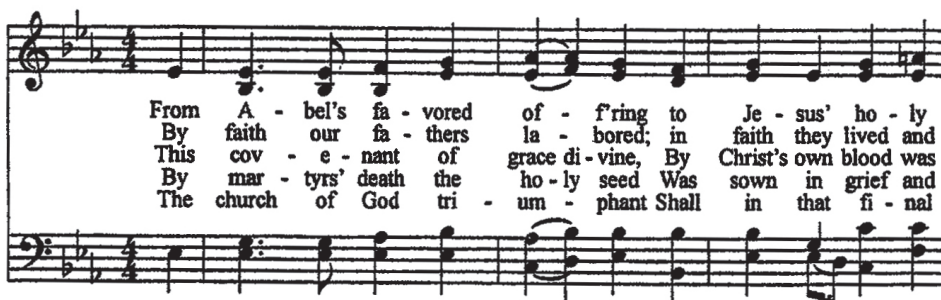
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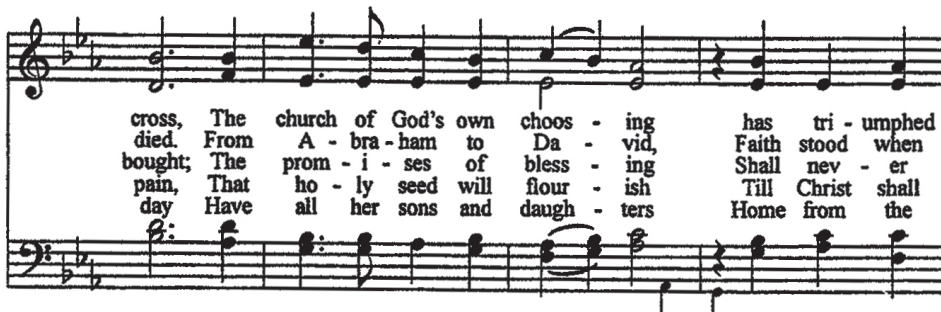
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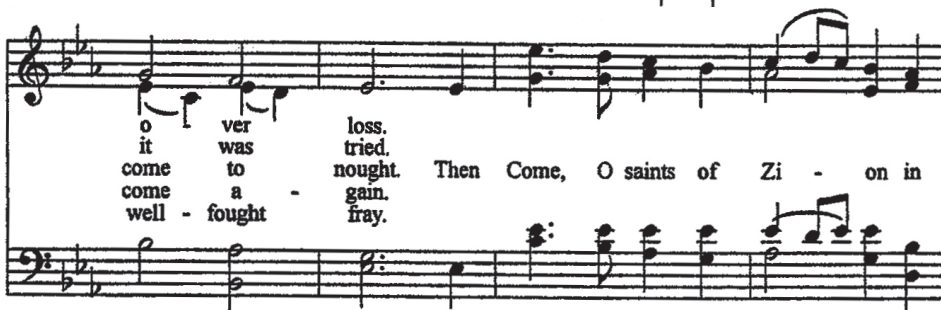
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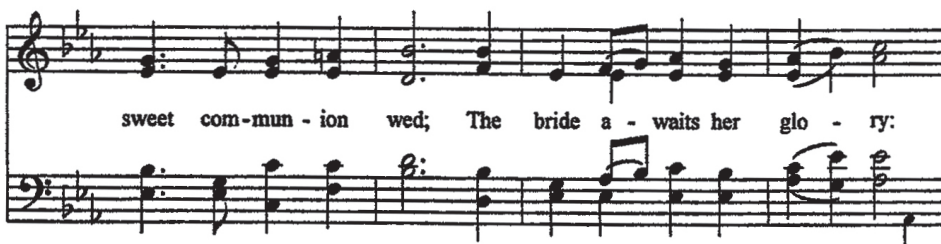
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By faith our fa - thers la - bored; in faith they lived and
This cov - e - nant of grace di - vine, By Christ's own blood was
By mar - tyr's death the ho - ly seed Was sown in grief and
The church of God tri - um - phant Shall in that fi - nal



cross, The church of God's own choos - ing has tri - umphed
died, From A - bra - ham to Da - vid, Faith stood when
bought; The prom - i - ses of bless - ing Shall nev - er
pain, That ho - ly seed will flour - ish Till Christ shall
day Have all her sons and daugh - ters Home from the



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come a gain. well - fought fray.



sweet com - mun - ion wed; The bride a - waits her glo - ry:



Lord Je - sus Christ, her head. A - men!

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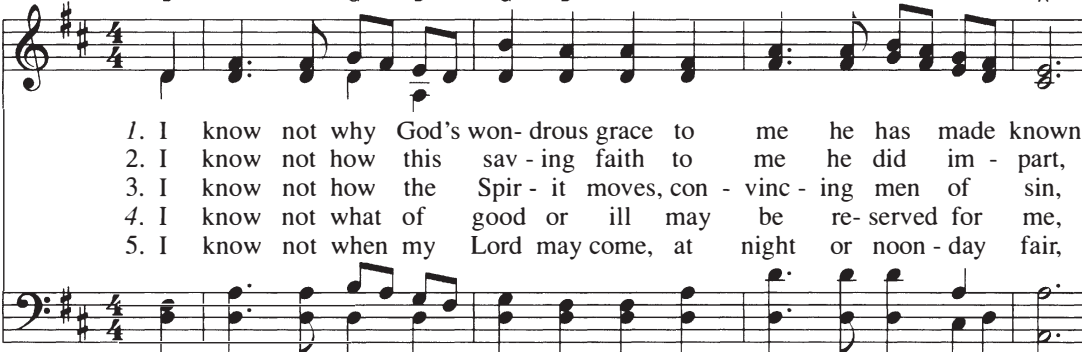
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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN 705 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (Stanzas 1–3)

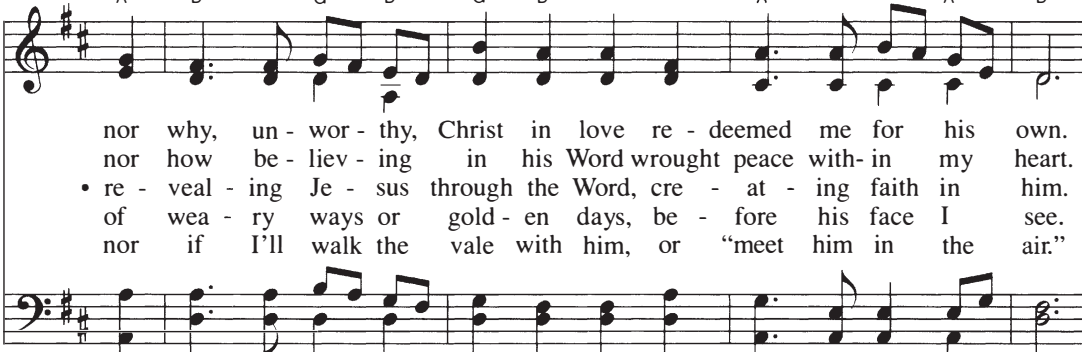
EL NATHAN

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1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,
 4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,
 5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

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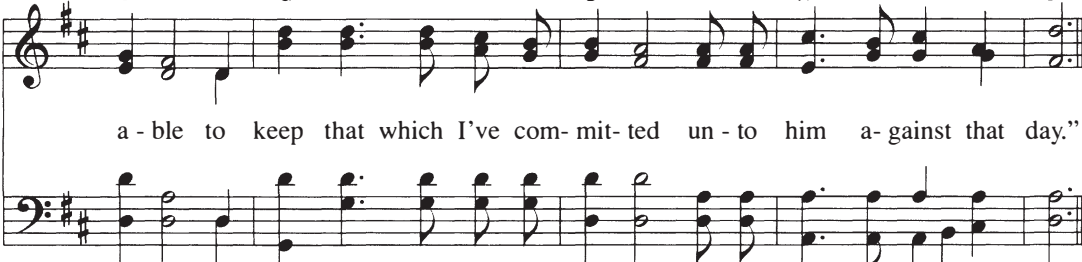
nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
 • re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
 of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN G D A⁷



But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

D G D A⁷ D



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+ **BENEDICTION**

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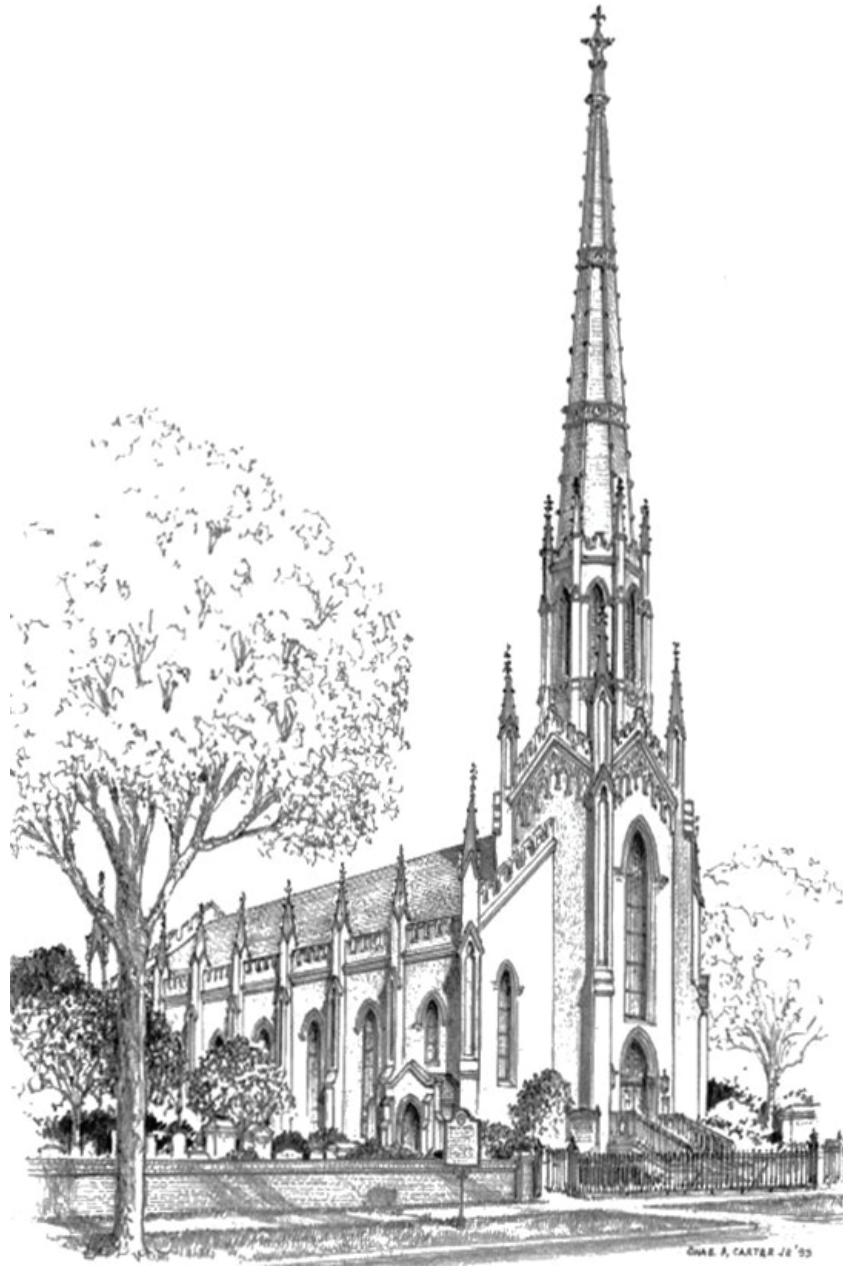
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CALL TO WORSHIP

+ HYMN 457

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
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+ HYMN *Saints of Zion*

WYATT

From Abel's favored offering
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The church of God's own choosing
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*Then come, O saints of Zion
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The bride awaits her glory
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By faith our fathers labored
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From Abraham to David,
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This covenant of grace divine
By Christ's own blood was bought
The promises of blessing
Shall never come to nought.

By martyrs' death the holy seed
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to the melody of the lyre.

⁴ For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
⁵ How great are your works, O Lord!
Your thoughts are very deep!
⁶ The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:
⁷ that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
⁸ but you, O Lord, are on high forever.
⁹ For behold, your enemies, O Lord,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.
¹⁰ But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
¹⁵ to declare that the Lord is upright;
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