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During the service, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present Cantata 61, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* by J. S. Bach; *Magnificat* by Antonio Vivaldi; and anthems and carols by Mendelssohn, Rutter, and Willcocks.

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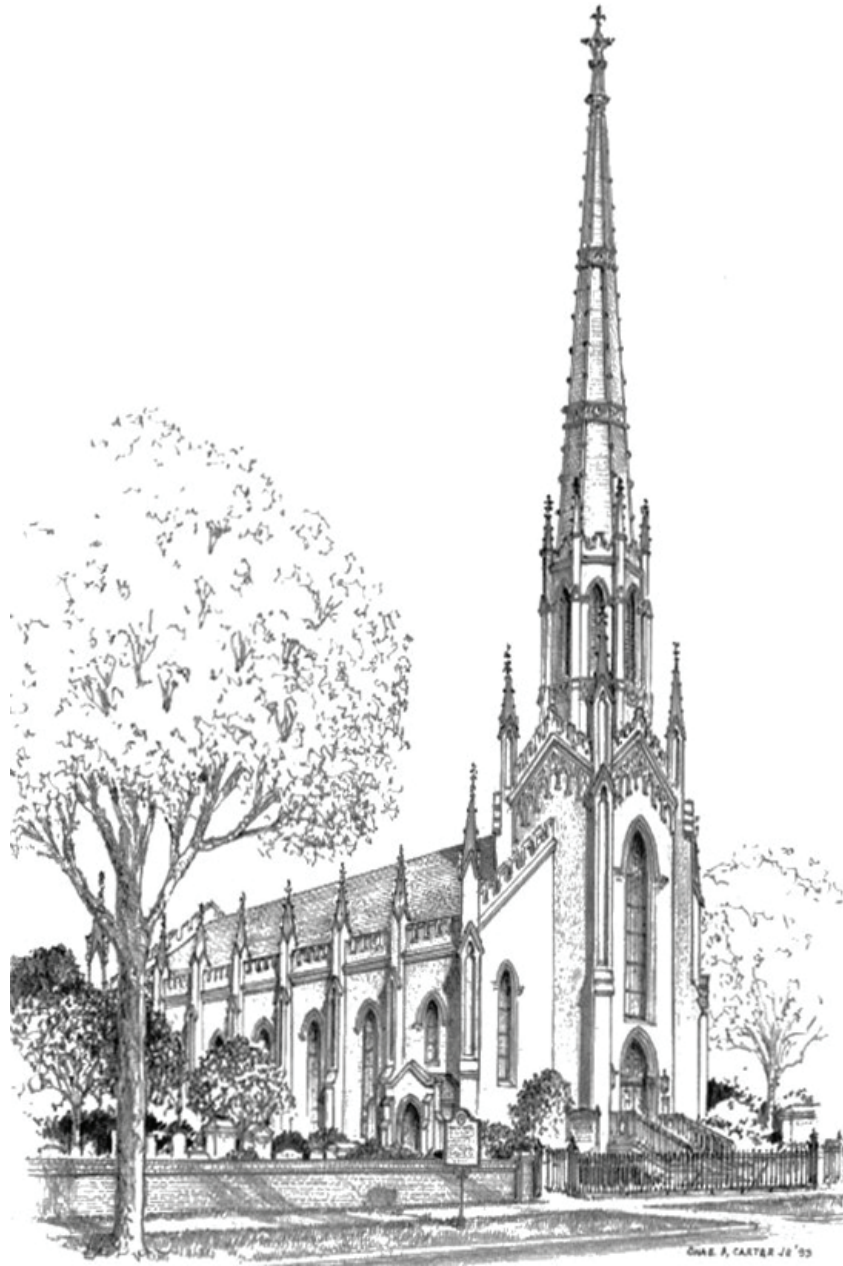


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born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hill the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
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+ HYMN 204 *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

MUELLER

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
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SERMON

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

"Into Time"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful (Stanzas 1–3)* ADESTE FIDELIS

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels.

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

God of God,
Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Stanza 4)

ADESTE FIDELIS

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing:
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POSTLUDE *Postlude on “Mendelssohn”* Sir David Willcocks

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