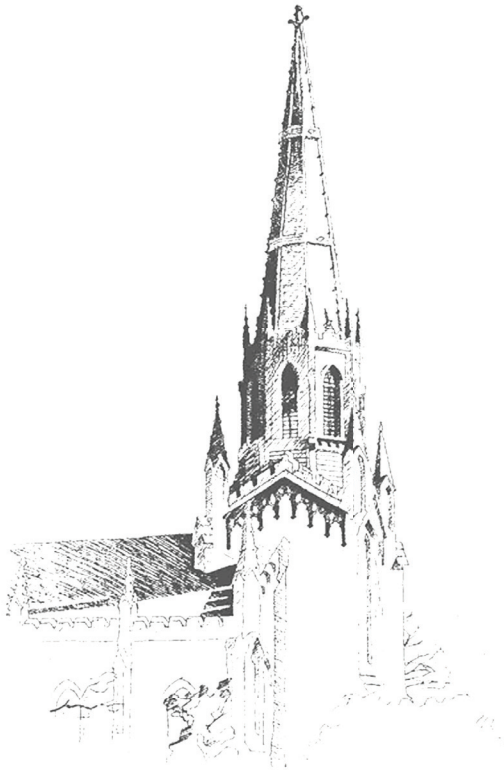


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WARRINGTON

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Elder Jim Augustine

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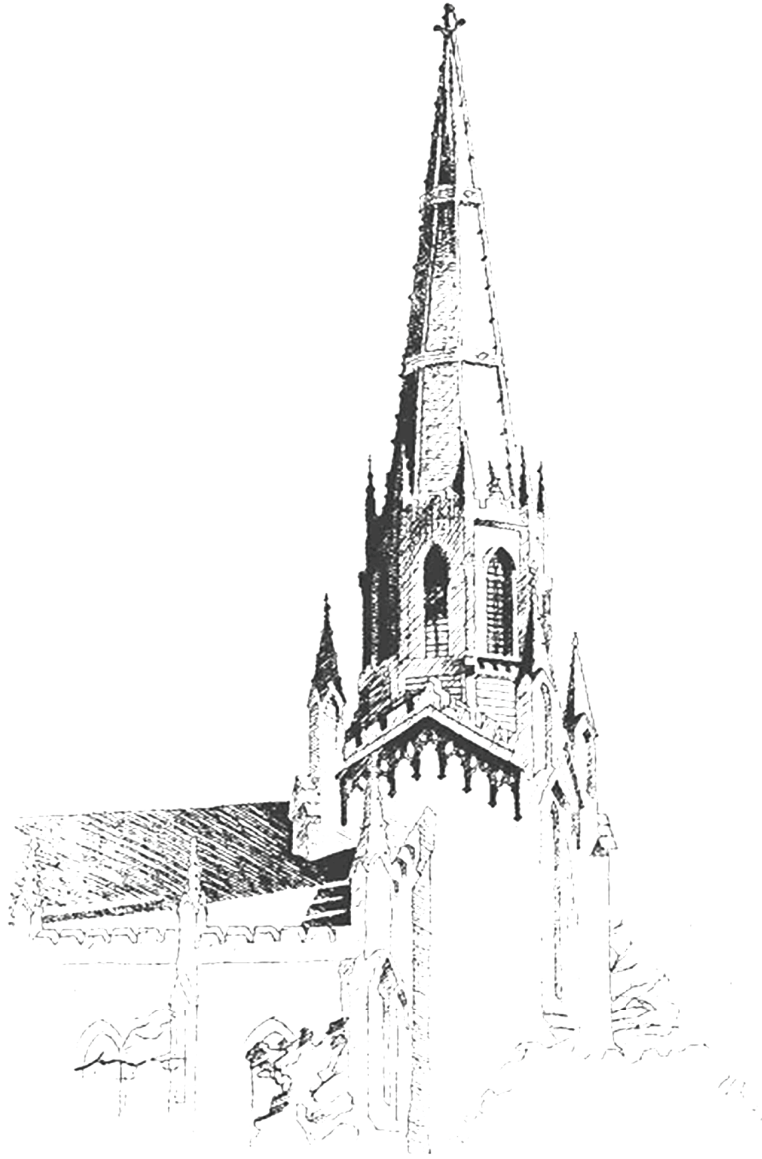
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Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star.

Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear.

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One.

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*Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet*

WARRINGTON

Jesus, where'er your people meet,  
There they behold your mercy-seat;  
Where'er they seek you, you are found,  
And ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined,  
Are dwelling in the humble mind;  
Such ever bring you where they come,  
And going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few,  
Your former mercies here renew;  
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
The sweetness of your saving Name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer  
To strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
To teach our faint desires to rise,  
And bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are near;  
Nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear;  
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down,  
And make a thousand hearts your own.

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## SERMON

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## PRAYER

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Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,  
Beneath your contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, O I know not, what joys await us there;  
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,  
The song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;  
And they who with their Leader have conquered in the fight,  
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country, that eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest;  
Who art, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

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