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OFFERTORY O God Beyond All Praising

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O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
Though small in mortal stature to heaven’s garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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(Pew Bible page 906; Children’s Bible page 1171)

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PASTORAL STAFF

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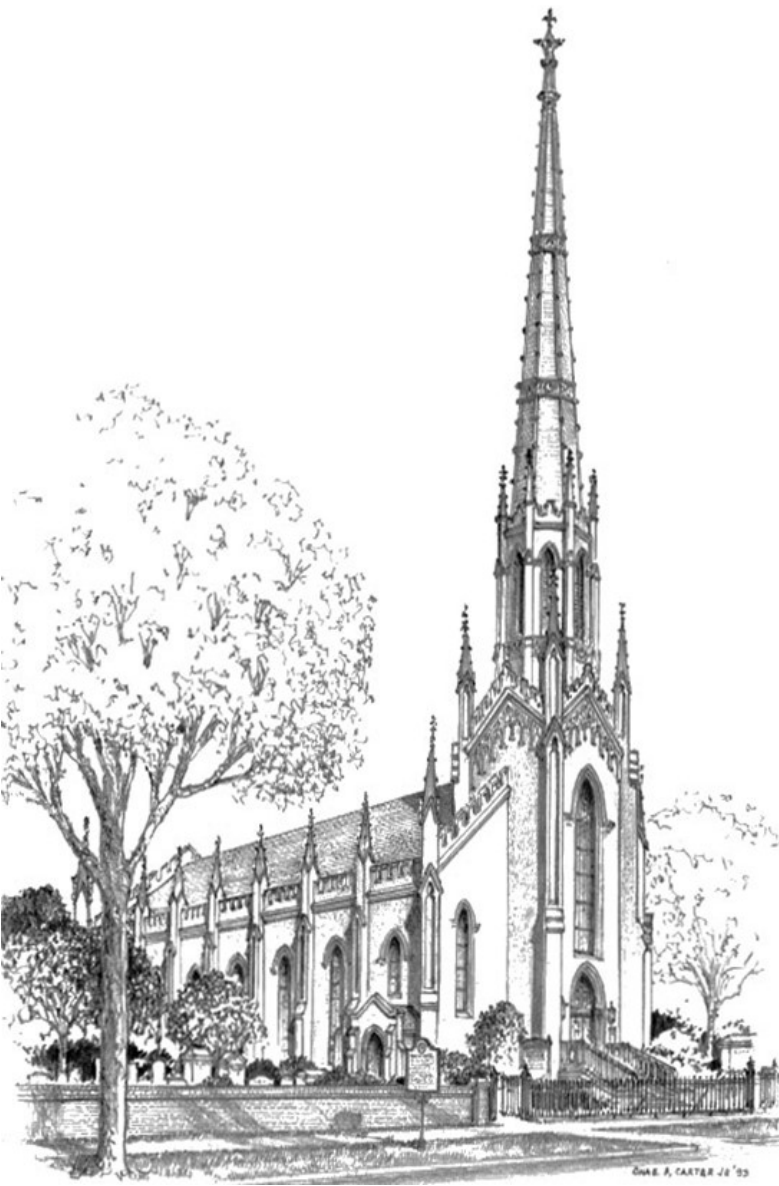
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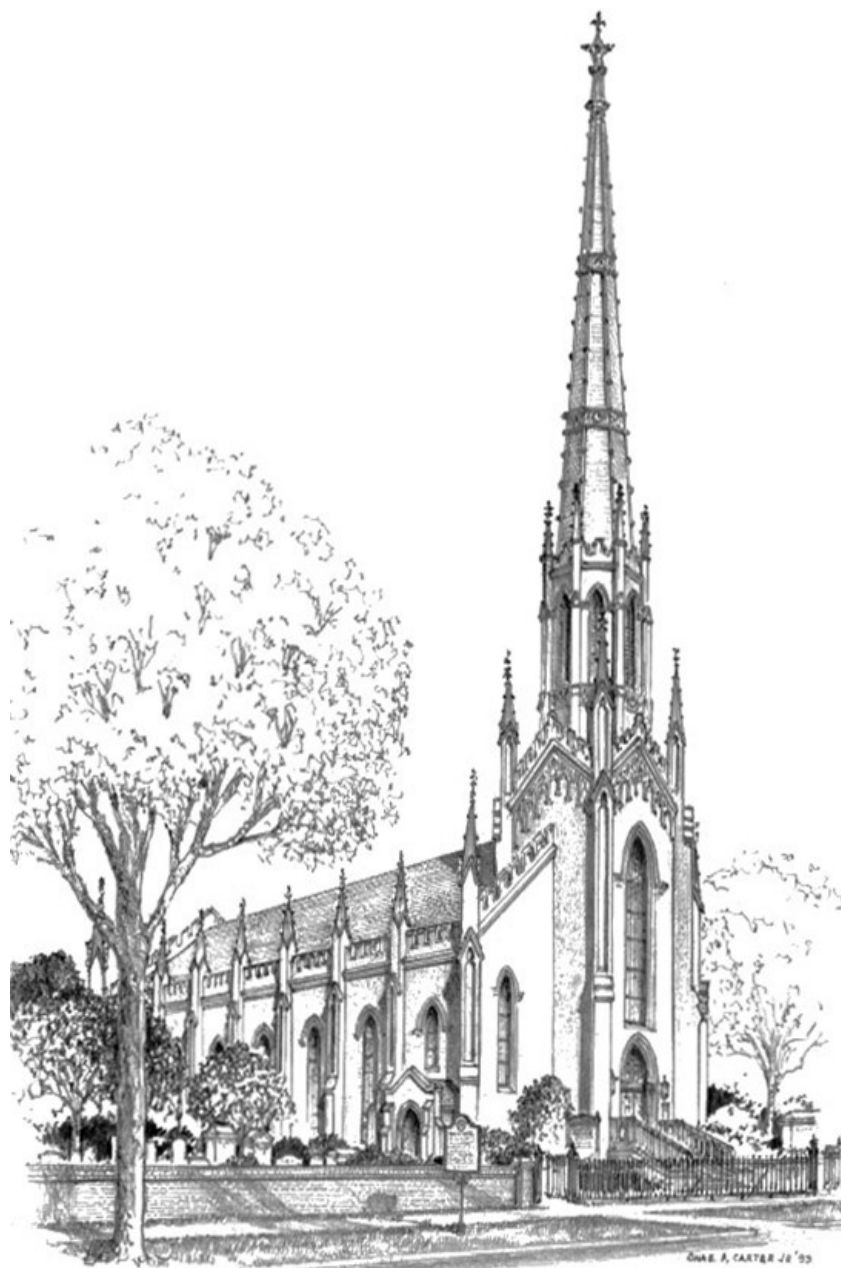


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Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
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O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.
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Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
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To Jesus' holy cross,
The church of God's own choosing
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In sweet communion wed;
The bride awaits her glory:
Lord Jesus Christ, her head.

By faith our fathers labored:
In faith they lived and died.
From Abraham to David,
Faith stood when it was tried.
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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.
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By martyrs' death the holy seed
Was sown in grief and pain,
That holy seed will flourish
Till Christ shall come again.
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The church of God triumphant
Shall in that final day
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Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood:
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Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
Spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! can it be?
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Lifted up was he to die,
“It is finished!” was his cry:
Now in heav’n exalted high:
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When he comes, our glorious King,
All his ransomed home to bring,
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³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
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E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
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Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
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