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FROM THE RECTOR

My trip to China this spring was one of those once in a lifetime experiences that will continue to have a major impact on the way I view the world.



As I wrote last month, China is a place full of contradictions, but more than that it is simply BIG. In one of my favorite Noël Coward plays there is the enigmatic line, “very big, China”, and until now I did not really understand just how true that line was. While the two-hour drive from the airport to our hotel in Beijing gave me some indication (the distance was only about five miles), it was the Forbidden City that made me realize just what size means. I had always imagined that “Forbidden City” was just a little hyperbole; by no means is that so. It is impossible to convey in words the vastness of the Imperial Palace. We had been warned beforehand that it would be overrun with tourists, and indeed it was. However, they did not make the edifice seem at all crowded. Indeed, had there been fewer people the immensity of the Palace would have been overwhelming. It simply cries out to be filled with impossible numbers of people.

It is then not surprising that the Summer Palace is also vast and that the size of the place was somewhat less overwhelming. A huge complex of Halls, Temples, and living quarters, situated in a vast park, this palace also bustled with people enjoying what had been the exclusive pleasure garden of the Qing court, before the end of Imperial China. It was here that the other sense of just how big China is hit me: the population. In a country covering 9.6 million square miles there are over 1.3 billion people all struggling to find their place in the world. These are all people whose culture is generally alien to us.

I can only think that this is a paradigm for us in the church, for we are in the midst of a world that is alien to us, a world that is BIG and full of people who neither know us nor care about us.

We are faced with a vast mission field that is foreign to us, and about which we need to educate ourselves and adapt so that we can effectively communicate the message of Gospel. Like China, if we turn inward and try to stay the way we have always been, we run the risk of becoming ever more irrelevant and marginal.

Father Paul



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PENTECOST



MEMORIAL DAY DEACON'S FARE

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2012 Third Sunday Series Concerts – Fall Season

September 16 Concert in honor of SF JAZZ facility opening

Postponed to January
2013

October 21 SCHOLA ADVENTUS **Major Fundraiser!**

November 18 Solstice Female Vocal Ensemble

December 16 Kevin Baum and Jennifer Ashworth

All concerts begin at 4 PM. Admission is by donation.

Post-concert receptions in Lathrop Hall & Hardcastle Garden.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR JULY

As you will all know, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Indianapolis in July this year. As in previous years Fr. Paul will be working as Legislative Aide to one of the Committees and will see much of how decisions are made.

On **Sunday, July 15**, during Coffee Hour after the 11 a.m. Mass, Fr. Paul will share insights and stories about the workings of our decision-making body and how it does reflect how the Church is thinking and where the Spirit is leading us.

As the 21st century moves on the country that seems to be having the most impact on the development of our global community is China. At the beginning of May this year Fr. Paul, with Canon Barlowe, spent 3 weeks traveling with a group through China and Tibet. Religion and culture featured largely in this tour and pictures and insights from this trip will be shared during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, July 22** and **Sunday, July 29**.

BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE AT THE BISHOP'S RANCH

Experience the quiet, discipline, and community of a contemplative retreat sponsored by The Friends of St. Benedict, the Diocese of California, and The Bishop's Ranch. The Experience is a time to nurture and strengthen our daily lives through prayer and spiritual companionship. Modeled after the balanced way of life set out by St. Benedict in his rule, participants take part in an ordered day of prayer, study, work, and leisure. Seven nights, 21 meals (Sunday dinner through Sunday lunch),

Sunday, July 8 to Sunday, July 15.

For more information, including cost and to register, please contact Dorothy Jones, dncdort@comcast.net, 415.381.3235

Talk to Jude or Cheryl about this wonderful retreat!

On the difference between Praise Choruses and Hymns...



A man accustomed to a mainline church went to a seekers' service one Sunday. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well," he said, "it was interesting. They did something different. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns."

"Praise choruses?" said his wife. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like hymns, only different," said the man.

"What's the difference?" asked his wife. He replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Martha, the cows are in the corn,' that would be a hymn. Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

'Martha, Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA, the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the COWS, COWS, COWS are in the corn,

are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, the CORN, CORN, CORN.' Then, if I were to repeat the whole thing five or six times, that would be a praise chorus."

As luck would have it, the same Sunday a young woman accustomed to seekers' services attended a mainline service. She came home and her husband asked her how it was.

"Well," she said, "it was interesting. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of praise choruses."

"Hymns?" said her husband. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the woman.

"What's the difference?" asked her husband. She replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Ernest, the cows are in the corn,' that would be a regular song.

Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you: *'Oh Ernest, dear Ernest, now hear thou my cry; Incline thine ear to the words of my mouth. Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by To the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth.*

For the way of the animals who can explain? There is in their heads no shadow of sense! Hearken they not in God's sun or his rain. Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced.

Yea, those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight Broke free from their shackles, their warm pens eschewed. Then goaded by minions of darkness and night. They all my mild Chilliwack sweet corn have chewed.

So look to that bright shining day by and by, Where all the corruptions of earth are reborn, Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry, And I no longer see those foul cows in the corn.'

Then, if I were to sing only verses one, three and four, and if I were to do a key change on the last verse, that would be a hymn."

Author unknown (perhaps with reason!)

Music This Month

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SCHOLA ADVENTUS is on hiatus over the summer, except for Wednesday 8/15, when they will return for the feast of the Assumption.

All the other Sundays during July and August will be served by one of our volunteer chant choirs (Schola Cantorum and Schola Femina) singing the Latin propers.

SCHOLA ADVENTUS

Jennifer Ashworth, *soprano*
 Lauren Carley, *contralto*
 Kevin Baum, *tenor*
 David Alban, *tenor*
 James Monios, *bass*
 Dr Paul Ellison, *Director of Music*



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MAJOR FUNDRAISER for *SCHOLA ADVENTUS!*



SAVE THE DATE - GALA CONCERT AND RECEPTION
SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 4 PM



Special Donor Events –
to be announced



~ Help to secure the future of the Bay Area's premiere a cappella liturgical choir ~

LATIN MASS ♦ Saturday, July 7, 5:00pm**HIGH MASS / SUNG MASS
SUNDAYS 11:00 AM****5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 1**

Celebrant: Paul Burrows

Preacher: Rod Thompson

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 8

Celebrant: Rod Thompson

Preacher: Jude Hill

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 15**Thursday, May 17, 6:30pm**

Celebrant: Paul Burrows

Preacher: Alex Martin

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 22

Celebrant: Jude Hill

Preacher: Paul Burrows

9th Sunday after Pentecost, July 29

Celebrant: Louis Newton

Preacher: Br. Matthias

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 July....Paul Burrows + (diaconate)
- 2 July....Daniel Schwartz (baptism)
- 4 July...John Pitoniak (baptism)
- 4 July...Rod Thompson + (diaconate)
- 6 July....John Porter + & Tom Veitch (holy union)
- 7 July....Johannes Stahl (birthday)
- 10 July...Basil Matthews + (priesthood)
- 11 July...Michael Barlowe + & Paul Burrows + (marriage)
- 11 July...Jude Morton (oblature to the Camaldolese Benedictines)
- 12 July...Renee Schwartz (baptism)
- 17 July...Michael McGinley (birthday)
- 17 July...Lauran Pifke + (baptism)
- 19 July...Walter Ramsey (birthday)
- 20 July...Kevin Baum (birthday)
- 24 July...Leslie + & Keith McCloghrie (marriage)
- 24 July...Keith McCloghrie (birthday)
- 25 July...Renee Schwartz (confirmation)
- 26 July...Jude Hill SSF + (profession)
- 26 July...Mary Hudak + (diaconate)
- 28 July...Vincent Jang (birthday)
- 29 July...Sally Schweikert (birthday)
- 31 July...Jack Jensen (birthday)

- A Note from the Rector on the Weekday Schedule -

Starting in June we have revised our weekday schedule again. Mass will be as before except for Mondays. One area where we continue to struggle is the Daily Office. Many of you, I know, read the Office at home as part of your daily discipline of prayer, and while it has been good to feel in communion with those saying the Office in Church there are now only two people willing to do that on a regular basis.

In June, July and August we will not have public Evening Prayer while we consult with many of you about how we might offer public Office and if there are untapped resources to make this happen. Please continue to pray about how you might be a part of spiritual renewal and what talents you have to offer.

NEW WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS Monday 10:00am, Tuesday 6:30pm, Wednesday 7:30 am, Thursday 6:30pm, Friday 10:00am, and Saturday (and Federal holidays) 9:00am.

Library Memorial – Ewing Cobb

Ewing Cobb was a longtime member of Church of the Advent. He was married to his wife Margaret here in 1950, and his funeral was held here in 2009. A sizable percentage of the books in the Pittman Library originated with him.

Therefore it is fitting to consider a memorial donation in honor of Ewing Cobb for the refurbishment of our library, and specifically for the purchase of two custom-size bookcases which are needed to complete the shelving of the books.

Once the shelves are in place, an appropriate plaque in memory of Ewing Cobb will be placed in the library.

Donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. You can donate using the PayPal link on the church website, via check in the alms basin (specify "library memorial" in the memo line), or speak to any member of the vestry.

Father Geoffrey Glaser and Jeff Commings

are getting married
at Church of the Advent
on 3 November 2012.

They would like to extend an invitation
to all members of Advent to attend
and help celebrate this joyful occasion.

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AND NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE
 THREE; AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13