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FROM THE RECTOR

I, together with eight lay leaders from our congregation, have just returned from a weekend at St. Dorothy's Rest, one of our Diocesan Retreat centers in Sonoma County. During that time we occupied ourselves with reflecting on the challenges that face not only our little Church, but also the whole of mainstream Christianity. How do we adapt to changing and mostly indifferent, if not hostile, society without losing our primary focus? Not easy questions to grapple with and ones with not straightforward answers; indeed, one could say, with no answer at all. This was accomplished through the use of two very helpful tools that I would like to commend to all of you to use in the days and months ahead. First we all viewed and reviewed the presentations on models for creative leadership presented by Canon Michael Barlowe. These are easily available on line at <http://www.diocal.org/pcn/video/webinar-videos/leadership>. The second resource was a simple tool for mapping our resistance to adaption both individually and corporately that can reveal something of the surprising ways in which we each try to undermine the very thing we believe we are trying to achieve. This tool is also available on line at <http://experiencelife.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/ImmunityMapWksht.pdf>. Both of these tools can be useful to each of us as we try to see how we can engage a changing world



without undermining ourselves by working with a world that no longer is the way we think it should be.

I am optimistic about the future for Church of the Advent of Christ the King; there are many good and faithful people who are trying their very best to share the Good News in the Anglo-Catholic form that has come down to us. We are able, I believe, to engage with this new, and in many ways frightening world, if we face squarely and honestly our fears that change will somehow lessen or weaken our faith and practice. It will not be easy but if we are willing to do the work we have the assurance that God is with us and will give us the strength to succeed.

Father Paul



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Church of the



Shrove Tuesday 2013 ADVENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Photos: Marshal Cousins

One of the joys
of coming to church
is the opportunity
to sing.



On the occasions when *Schola Adventus* will be absent this year due to our cost-cutting efforts, I plan on starting a new volunteer choir. It will be **open to anyone interested and you don't have to be a parishioner to join**. The goal is for the group to be four-part: soprano—alto—tenor—bass. A simple audition will be involved. (It should take only five minutes!) If I am already familiar with your voice, I will be happy to waive the audition. If you are interested, please contact Paul Ellison in person or at music@advent-sf.org.

Music News

*Sharing God's gift of music
with the wider community*

Dr Paul Ellison,
Director of Music

Photo: Marshal Cousins



<i>Third Sunday Series Concerts 2013</i>	
March 17	<i>Schola Adventus Choral Evensong at Grace Cathedral</i>
May 19	<i>MUSA baroque instrumental ensemble</i>
Sept 15	<i>Schola Adventus</i>
Oct 20	<i>Lauren Carley, Alto</i>
Dec 15	<i>Adaiha Macadam-Somer, cello</i>

Choral Evensong
SUNDAY MARCH 17, 2013 3 PM

Music by **SCHOLA ADVENTUS**

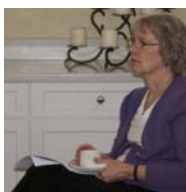
*Preces and Responses - Thomas Tomkins
Second Service Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis - William Byrd
Salvator mundi - Thomas Tallis*

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If you are interested in learning to sing **Gregorian Chant**, please consider joining one of our two volunteer chant choirs, **Schola Cantorum** (men) and **Schola Femina** (women). The notation is not difficult to learn and the experience of singing chant is deeply uplifting. If you are interested, please contact Paul Ellison in person or at music@advent-sf.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

Photos: Marshal Cousins



The annual parish meeting took place on February 17 after Mass. Jude Morton served as recording secretary.

Four new **Vestry** members were elected: Robert Ayala, Ron Eaton, Marshal Cousins, and John McCutchen. Vestry positions will be confirmed after the next Vestry meeting in March.

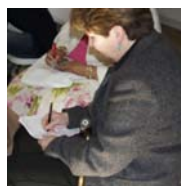
Four delegates or alternates to the **Diocesan Convention**, who also represent the parish at the

Deanery Convocations, were elected: Sam Cantin, John McCutchen, Jude Morton, and Jennifer Usher.

Jude Morton was elected to serve for two years on the **Endowment Committee**.

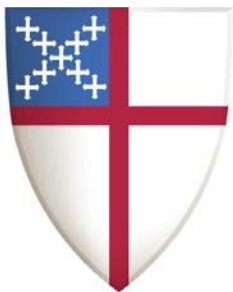
After some open discussions on parish subjects, thanks were expressed to **departing vestry members**: Cate Gregory, Senior Warden, Stephen Rucker, Junior Warden, Todd Pickering, and Jude Morton.

Prayers were offered for the faithful departed: Dr. Wayne Fry, T.J. Buckley,



Brother Richard Jonathan. Full minutes of the meeting are available and will be posted in Lathrop Hall.

Jude Morton



**General Convention 2015 dates announced:
June 25 – July 3 in Salt Lake City**

[February 26, 2013] Following a decision by the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements, the General Convention Office (GCO) has announced the dates for the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2015: Thursday, June 25 to Friday, July 3.

General Convention 2015 will be held at the **Salt Palace Convention Center** in Salt Lake City, UT, Diocese of Utah.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On February 22-24, leaders from Church of the Advent gathered for a retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest, the historic Episcopal retreat center in Sonoma County. Fr. Paul Burrows, Anna McHargue, Paul Ellison, Sam Cantin, and Stephen Rucker joined 2013 Vestry Members Cheryl Parker, John McCutchen, Ron Eaton, Ler Nelson and Charlie the Dog for discussions on topics such as: how we interact and communicate in the Episcopal Church; how to overcome our individual and group immunities to change; and ways in which we can improve our membership, stewardship, neighborhood outreach, and nurture our various ministries. St. Dorothy's Rest, as is their custom, provided us with the ideal retreat setting in the comforts of Lydia House, surrounded by amazing redwood trees, and fueled by hearty and delicious meals.



The 2013 Vestry will hold its first official meeting as a group in March, date and time to be announced. Vestry positions will be confirmed then. The meeting particulars will be announced as soon as they are available, and all are welcome to attend.

Ler Nelson

Holy Week at Church of the Advent



with music by **SCHOLA ADVENTUS**
Paul M. Ellison, Director

- Palm Sunday* MARCH 24 Blessing of Palms, Procession & High Mass 11 AM
Hosanna to the Son of David – Thomas Weelkes ✦ *Pueri Hebraeorum* – Tomás Luis de Victoria ✦
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke – Plain-song ✦ *Improperium expectavit* – G. P. da Palestrina ✦ *Tristis est anima mea* – Orlandus Lassus
- Maundy Thursday* MARCH 28 High Mass, Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar 6:30 PM
Nos autem gloriamur – Manuel Cardoso ✦ *Venite comedite* – William Byrd ✦ *Coenantibus illis* – G. P. da Palestrina ✦ *O salutaris Hostia* – Thomas Tallis
- Good Friday* MARCH 29 Solemn Liturgy and Mass of the Presanctified 6:30 PM
The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John – Plain-song ✦ *O vos omnes* – Carlo Gesualdo ✦
The Reproaches – Victoria ✦ *Cruce fidei* – John IV of Portugal ✦ *Adoramus te, Christe* – Orlandus Lassus ✦
Salvator mundi – Thomas Tallis
- Holy Saturday* MARCH 30 10:30 PM Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter ~ hosted reception follows ~
Sicut cervus – G. P. da Palestrina ✦ *Dum transisset Sabbatum* – John Taverner ✦ *Regina caeli* – Tomás Luis de Victoria ✦ *Prelude in C Major, S. 545* – J. S. Bach
- Easter Sunday* MARCH 31 Procession and High Mass 11 AM
Vidi aquam – Tomás Luis de Victoria ✦ *Regina caeli* – Tomás Luis de Victoria ✦ *Most glorious Lord of Lyfe* – Cecil Armstrong Gibbs ✦ *Prelude in C Major, S. 545* – J. S. Bach

LATIN CHANT MASS Saturday March 2, 5 PM**HIGH MASS SUNDAYS 11:00 AM****3rd Sunday of Lent, Sunday March 3**

Celebrant: Paul Burrows
Preacher: Jude Hill

4th Sunday of Lent, Sunday March 10

Celebrant: Paul Burrows
Preacher: Rod Thompson

5th Sunday of Lent, Sunday March 17

Celebrant: Rod Thompson
Preacher: Jude Hill

Palm Sunday, Sunday March 24**Blessing of Palms, Procession & High Mass**

Celebrant: Jude Hill
Preacher: Alex Martin

Maundy Thursday, Thursday March 28 6:30 PM**High Mass, Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar**

Celebrant: Jude Hill
Preacher: Paul Burrows

Good Friday Friday March 29**Stations of the Cross 12 PM****Solemn Liturgy 6:30 PM**

Celebrant: Paul Burrows
Preacher: Jude Hill

Easter Vigil, Saturday March 30 10:30 PM

Celebrant: Paul Burrows
Preacher: Paul Burrows

Easter Sunday, Sunday March 31

Celebrant: Paul Burrows
Preacher: Jude Hill

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday 5 PM March 9, 16, 23

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mar...Richard Stookey (birthday)
- 3 Mar...Caroline Corum (birthday)
- 3 Mar...Carol Kossler (birthday)
- 3 Mar...Sally McCloaghrie (baptism)
- 3 Mar...Lynn Swearingen (birthday)
- 7 Mar...Elizabeth Easton + (birthday)
- 8 Mar...Reese Probst (birthday)
- 12 Mar...Chuck Borgquist (confirmation)
- 12 Mar...Patrick Kossler (birthday)
- 13 Mar...Janet LaRue (birthday)
- 14 Mar...Paul Ford (confirmation)
- 14 Mar...Jim Swearingen + (priesthood)
- 15 Mar...Sam Cantin (confirmation)
- 16 Mar...Paul Ellison (confirmation)
- 18 Mar...Sean Smith (birthday)
- 19 Mar...Ed Gabet (baptism)
- 19 Mar...Geoffrey Glaser + (confirmation)
- 22 Mar...Karen Johans + (birthday)
- 22 March Katharine Favret (baptism)
- 24 Mar...Martha Smith (baptism)
- 24 Mar...Richard & Martha Stookey (marriage)
- 25 Mar...Jim Cromwell (confirmation)
- 26 Mar...Norman McKnight (confirmation)
- 27 Mar...Paul Ellison (birthday)
- 28 Mar...Lee Ryan (baptism)
- 30 Mar...Suellen Thompson (baptism)
- 31 Mar...Bob Kelliher (confirmation)

WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

EVENING PRAYER Monday 6:00 PM, Friday 6:00 PM (excluding Federal holidays)

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 THREE; AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
 I CORINTHIANS 13:13