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FROM THE RECTOR

During this summer I have had the opportunity to reflect again on just what it means to be Anglo-Catholic. This has come about in part because of my trip to China and the General Convention, and also though the changes we have been making in both the schedule and in the ceremonial at out liturgy.



“Anglo-Catholic” has never been a precise term and has been used both as pejorative and praise. For many who would self identify as Anglo-Catholic, Advent does not fit the definition because of our embrace of the 1979 Prayer Book, acceptance of women priests, and support of LGBT people. For others we are “those stuffy people” who are so uptight about their services. Once I was told that we would not be Anglo-Catholic if we did not have paid singers!

So what is it that makes us Anglo-Catholic? Certainly the ceremony at Mass on Sunday is an important part of it as is the beautiful music that accompanies the Mass, but if that is all then it is a bit like living on cake that cannot sustain us in our spiritual life. I am put in mind of the old directory of Churches that used to be put out by the Additional Curates Society in England; it had a helpful series of letters by the listed Churches to indicate how Anglo-Catholic they were: DCSR. R meant that the Blessed Sacrament was reserved for communion of the sick and sometimes for veneration. This has now become an almost universal practice. S meant that the principal service on a Sunday was a Sung Mass – note that High Mass with sacred ministers was not considered an essential mark. D stood for daily Mass, a mark seldom found both then and today as few parishes having either the priests or the committed lay people to sustain a celebration every day. C was the least often seen, standing for confessions at advertised times, something I restored to Advent soon after becoming Rector. The thing that strikes me about all of these marks of being Anglo-Catholic is that they are not so much

about a style of worship as about a discipline in spiritual life.

I had a conversation recently with one of my former interns about the Daily Office, during which he asked, “Do you see the recitation of the Office as more a personal discipline or a work for the good of the world?” Of course on some level it is both but I had to think for a moment about where I would place the emphasis. I chose, in the end, to place it with personal discipline, for it is here that I believe the Anglo-Catholic tradition has so much to offer. The spiritual life, like so much else in life generally, is something we need to work at constantly. The discipline of daily prayer, of meditation, and reflection must underlie the glories of High Mass and beautiful music or those will degenerate into nothing more than a extravagant show put on to entertain us.

That, of course, brings up the question of Evening Prayer in Church. Here at Advent this has always been a ministry offered by lay volunteers. We all feel it should happen but very few are actually able to be here on a regular basis. In the light of that fact we have had to reduce public Evening Prayer to just Monday and Friday, but that does not mean Evening Prayer does not happen. We can all, as a discipline of our Anglo-Catholic tradition, say evening prayer together wherever we are every day with the prayerful intention of being in communion with each other as we offer our prayer to God. This is what it means to be Anglo-Catholic; the externals exist only to enhance the daily discipline that nourishes us and brings us into the presence of God.

Father Paul

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION August 15, 2012



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Since the beginnings of the ritualist movement in the Church of England and the Episcopal Church there has been an emphasis on bringing color, movement, and music into the lives of the most deprived in society. This has been true of Church of the Advent of Christ the King since it embraced the Anglo-Catholic style of worship in 1898. Since 1991, Dr. Paul Ellison has labored tirelessly to bring the beauties of the music that enhances our liturgy to the many struggling people drawn to this congregation. Thanks to a generous designated gift we have been able to offer this service for the last 6 years without having to aggressively fundraise but the unrestricted part of that bequest will not last much longer. Over one third of the congregation at Church of the Advent are either homeless or in supportive housing and of the remainder many struggle to make ends meet, and yet all find themselves fed by the spiritual life they find in the elaborate worship and sublime music offered here to God. The contributions of those able to support this ministry bring joy and health to the neglected and marginalized of our City.

Fr. Paul



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Music This Month

Sharing God's gift of music with the wider community

SCHOLA ADVENTUS returns! On September 9, Schola Adventus returns from their summer hiatus and will sing every Sunday for Sung Mass / High Mass at 11 AM and on feast days. Music for September 9:

Prelude	Adagio, S.564	J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
Anthem	Expectans, expectavi	Charles Wood (1866-1926)
Motet	Ave verum Corpus	Joel N. Morris (b. 1987)
Postlude	"Scherzoso" (Sonata VIII)	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)



Dr Paul Ellison,
 Director of Music
 Photo: Marshal Cousins



Music at Church of the Advent is not only produced by professionals. We support two volunteer Gregorian Chant choirs, **Schola Cantorum** (men) and **Schola Femina** (women). Both offer excellent opportunities for learning to sing Gregorian Chant, an experience that is prayerful and uplifting as well as musical. If you can carry a tune and are willing to learn, contact Dr. Paul Ellison music@advent-sf.org

Redesigned Web Page Launches !

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<p>Schedule of Services</p> <p>Daily Low Masses Monday and Friday at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Federal Holidays at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Daily Evening Prayers 6 p.m. Monday and Friday</p>	<p>Saturday Services Low Mass at 9:00 am Confession at 9:30 or by appointment 3 p.m. Holy Hour (in Lent: Stations of the Cross) 3 p.m. first Saturday each month Latin Chant Mass</p> <p>Sunday Services Low Mass at 9:00 am High Mass at 11:00 am</p>	<p>Church of the Advent of Christ the King 162 Hickory Street San Francisco, CA 94102 Phone: 415.431.0454 E-Mail: office@advent-of.org</p> <p>View Map Directions from Anywhere</p>
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If you haven't had the pleasure yet of meeting **Josh Kelley**, Church of the Advent's office manager, you can safely assume that he is the driving force behind any administrative improvements you have noticed. His organizational skills and efficiency are very impressive. Thanks to his invaluable collaboration, Advent's redesigned web site has launched this week. Please send contributions to our weekly newsletter, **The Orb**, and any suggestions (and compliments) about the website to Josh at adventoffice@att.net.



Around the Diocese

**Tuesday, October 2, 7 p.m.**

Concert at St. Columba's, 12835 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness

Wednesday, October 3, 7 p.m.

Concert at St. Mary the Virgin, 325 Union Street, San Francisco

Thursday, October 4, 5:15 p.m.Music as Strength for the Journey: *The Story of Haiti's Holy Trinity Music School*Includes Evensong (with the cathedral choir) followed by a preview of Owsley Brown's film about Holy Trinity Music School
Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco**Friday, October 5, 7 p.m.**

Concert at Trinity, 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park

Saturday, October 6, 4 p.m.

Concert at St. John's, 14 Lagunitas Avenue, Ross

Sunday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's, 525 29th Street, Oakland

Sunday, October 7, 4 p.m.

Concert at St. Mark's, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley



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LATIN MASS ♦ Saturday September 1 5:00pm**HIGH MASS / SUNG MASS
SUNDAYS 11:00 AM****14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 2**

Celebrant: Jude Hill

Preacher: Paul Burrows

15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 9

Celebrant: Paul Burrows

Preacher: Rod Thompson

16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 16

Celebrant: : Rod Thompson

Preacher: Br. Matthias SSF

17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 23

Celebrant: Paul Burrows

Preacher: Jude Hill

Holy Hour - 5 PM Saturday Sept 8, 15, 22, 29**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Sept...Stephen Rucker (baptism)

3 Sept...John Pitoniak (birthday)

6 Sept...Lizette Larson-Miller + (priesthood)

6 Sept...Lee Ryan (birthday)

10 Sept...Bob + & Carol Kossler (marriage)

13 Sept...Claire Dodds (birthday)

13 Sept...Christopher Fredricks (baptism)

13 Sept...Bob Kelliher (baptism)

14 Sept...Sam Cantin (baptism)

20 Sept...Geoffrey Glaser (birthday)

21 Sept...Barrie Bates (birthday)

21 Sept...Anna McHargue (birthday)

22 Sept...Jim Monios (birthday)

26 Sept...Michael Dwyer (birthday)

27 Sept...Basil Matthews + (birthday)

30 Sept...Karen Johanns + & Claire Dodds
(holy union)**- A Note from the Rector on the Weekday Schedule -**

In light of the responses we received regarding Evening Prayer, we will offer a public service of Evening Prayer at 6 p.m. on Monday and Friday starting in September. Thank you all for your thoughtful responses. I hope that some of you will be able to support Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays this Fall.

*Fr. Paul***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.

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

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
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to all members of Advent to attend
and help celebrate this joyful occasion.

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 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13