



The Word

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco

January—March 2020

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“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.”

In the first chapter of John’s Gospel, sometimes referred to as the prologue to the Gospel, sometimes spoken of as the whole Gospel in miniature the Gospel writer says this. As he reflects on the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus. As he reflects on Christmas. He says, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

I don’t think it’s an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his coming into the world when the world seemed to be at its darkest.

It’s probably not an accident that we observe Christmas soon after December 21, the winter solstice. The winter solstice being in the Northern Hemisphere the darkest time of the year.

Undoubtedly, these ancient Christians who began to celebrate the coming of God into the world, they knew very well that this Jesus, his teachings, his message, his spirit, his example, his life points us to the way of life itself, a way of life, where we take care of each other. A way of life, where we care for God’s world. A way of life, where we are in a loving relationship with our God, and with each other as children of the one God, who has created us all.

They also knew John’s Gospel and John’s Christmas story. Now there are no angels in John’s Christmas story. There are no wise men coming from afar. There’s no baby lying in a manger. There’s no angel choir singing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* in the highest of the heavens. There are no shepherds tending their flocks by night. Matthew and Luke tell those stories. In John, it is the poetry of new possibility, born of the reality of God when God breaks into the world.

It’s not an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his birth, his coming into the world. When the world seemed darkest. When hope seemed to be dashed on the altar of reality. It is not an accident that we too, commemorate his coming, when things do not always look right in this world.

But there is a God. And there is Jesus. And even in the darkest night. That light once shined and will shine still. His way of love is the way of life. It is the light of the world. And the light of that love shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it.

God love you. God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas and may this world be blessed. Amen.

—The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1: 1-5

One Day Only! Half-Price Sale, Saturday January 4, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Date: Saturday January 4, 10 AM to 1 PM

Venue: Incarnation Episcopal Church, 1750 29th Avenue,
San Francisco

Every year, in early November, Incarnation Episcopal Church holds its Annual Bazaar. On Saturday January 4, 2020 we are holding a HALF Price sale, where every item is 50% off already low prices.

This unique opportunity enables you to find that one-of-a-kind handmade item for yourself or a special gift for someone. Featured items include one-of-a-kind handcrafted items, collectibles, jewelry, loose beads (including vintage and collectible), glassware, cookware, and lots more.



SUNSET MUSIC AND ARTS January — March, 2020

Tickets \$15-\$20 unless noted.

ERIC TRAN, piano

Saturday January 11, 2020 4:30 p.m.
All Chopin program

JACH CIMO, guitar

Saturday January 25, 2020 7:30 p.m.
Spanish and South American music

ANGELA KRAFT CROSS, organ

Saturday February 8, 2020 7:30 p.m.
Works by Louis Verne and Angela Cross

PATRICK GALVIN, violin & JUNG-EUN KIM, piano

(Beethoven 2020 Project)

Saturday February 15, 2020 7:30 p.m.
Beethoven Violin Sonatas

ADAM FLOWERS, tenor & PAUL McWILLIAMS, piano

(Beethoven 2020 Project)

Saturday February 22, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Beethoven, Frank Sinatra, and Parisian Café Music

PATRICK GALVIN, violin & JUNG-EUN KIM, piano

(Beethoven 2020 Project)

Saturday February 29, 2020 7:30 p.m.
Beethoven Violin Sonatas

KLEZMER-JAZZ PROJECT:

ALON NECHUSHTAN QUARTET

Friday March 6, 2020 7:30 p.m.

DUO SF:

CHRISTOPHER MALLETT & ROBERT MILLER, guitars

Saturday March 7, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Beatles (arr. Brouwer), Astor Piazzolla, Manuel de Falla,
and others

OLIVER BRETT, organ & DAN HIVLEY, horn

(Beethoven 2020 Project)

Friday March 13, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Works by Beethoven, and others

JOHN SMALLEY, baritone & JANIS MERCER, piano

Friday March 20, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Schoenberg and his students

LAURA KLEIN JAZZ TRIO

Saturday March 21, 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN VOICES³—ENSEMBLE LUDECANTA

Saturday March 28, 2020 , 7:30 p.m.

Barber, Block, Pratorius-Gomez, Cowell, and others



2020 Season: Beethoven and More!

The 2020 season will continue our strong tradition of concerts in chamber music, solo instrumental and jazz concerts, and vocal and choral music. In addition, we are celebrating the

250th birth anniversary of the composer Ludwig van Beethoven, by launching 'The Beethoven 2020 project.'

The Beethoven 2020 project will feature a series of concerts featuring various works by the composer. Works include major compositions by the composer for solo instruments, violin-piano, chamber music, and the monumental oratorio *Christus am Ölberge* (*Christ on the Mount of Olives*), Op. 85. For the full list of the works of Beethoven featured in our 2020 season, please visit our website <http://sunsetarts.wordpress.com>

January 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 20	2 6:30am Walk & Talk	3 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	4 10:00am Half-Price Sale on Jewelry & Collectibles
5 10:00am Rite II Communion	6 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm Vestry Meeting	7 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	8	9 6:30am Walk & Talk	10 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	11 11:00am Funeral for Katharine Schultz 4:30pm Eric Tran in concert
12 10:00am Holy Baptism	13 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	14 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	15	16 6:30am Walk & Talk 7:00pm NERT Meeting	17 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	18
19 10:00am Rite II Communion	20 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	21 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	22	23 6:30am Walk & Talk	24 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	25 7:30pm Jack Cimo, guitar
26 10:00am Rite II Communion	27 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm Vestry Meeting	28 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	29	30 6:30am Walk & Talk	31 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	Feb 1

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Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
2 10:00am Rite II Communion	3 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	4 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	5 12:00pm Lunch with Your Clergy (TPC Harding Park Clubhouse, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA)	6 6:30am Walk & Talk	7 10:30am Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm Taizé Healing Service	8 7:30pm Angela Kraft Cross
9 9:00am Rite II Communion 10:30am Annual Parish Meeting	10 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	11 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	12	13 6:30am Walk & Talk	14 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	15 7:30pm Patrick Galvin and Jung-eun Kim in concert: Beethoven2020 Project
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23 10:00am Bishop's Visitation	24 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm Vestry Meeting	25 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music 5:30pm Pancake Supper	26	27 6:30am Walk & Talk	28 10:30am Chinese Bible Study	29 7:30pm Patrick Galvin and Jung-eun Kim in concert: Beethoven2020 Project

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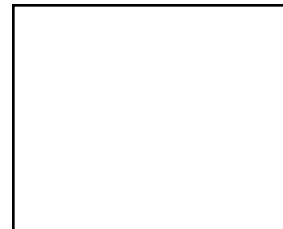
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