



The Word

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco

October—December 2018

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Just Checking In

A Minister passing through his church
 In the middle of the day,
 Decided to pause by the altar
 To see who come to pray.
 Just then the back door opened,
 And a man came down the aisle,
 The minister frowned as he saw the man
 Hadn't shaved in a while.
 His shirt was torn and shabby,
 And his coat was worn and frayed,
 The man knelt down and bowed his head,
 Then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed at precisely noon,
 The preacher saw this chap,
 Each time he knelt just for a moment,
 A lunch pail in his lap.
 Well, the minister's suspicions grew,
 With robbery a main fear,

He decided to stop and ask the man,
 'What are you doing here?'
 The old man said he was a factory worker
 And lunch was half an hour
 Lunchtime was his prayer time,
 For finding strength and power.
 I stay only a moment
 Because the factory's far away;
 As I kneel here talking to the Lord,
 This is kinda what I say:

*'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, LORD,
 HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
 SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP
 AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.
 DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
 BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
 SO, JESUS, THIS IS BEN,
 JUST CHECKING IN TODAY.'*

The minister feeling foolish,
 Told Ben that it was fine.
 He told the man that he was welcome
 To pray there anytime.
 'It's time to go, and thanks,' Ben said
 As he hurried to the door.
 Then the minister knelt there at the altar,
 Which he'd never done before.
 His cold heart melted, warmed with love,
 As he met with Jesus there.

As the tears flowed down his cheeks,
 He repeated old Ben's prayer:

*'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, LORD,
 HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN,
 SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP
 AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.
 I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,
 BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
 SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME,
 JUST CHECKING IN TODAY.'*

Past noon one day, the minister noticed
 That old Ben hadn't come.
 As more days passed and still no Ben,
 He began to worry some.
 At the factory, he asked about him,
 Learning he was ill.
 The hospital staff was worried,
 But he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Ben was with them,
 Brought changes in the ward.
 His smiles and joy contagious.
 Changed people were his reward.
 The head nurse couldn't understand
 Why Ben could be so glad,
 When no flowers, calls or cards came,
 Not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed,
 He voiced the nurse's concern:
 No friends had come to show they cared.
 He had nowhere to turn.
 Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up
 And with a winsome smile;
 'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know,
 He's been here all the while.'
 Everyday at noon He comes here,
 A dear friend of mine, you see,
 He sits right down and takes my hand,
 Leans over and says to me:

*'I JUST CAME BY TO TELL YOU, BEN,
 HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,
 SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP,
 AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN .
 I THINK ABOUT YOU ALWAYS
 AND I LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,
 AND SO BEN, THIS IS JESUS,
 JUST CHECKING IN TODAY .'*

— Unknown

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Tel: 415-564-2324

Kris Palmer, flute and Varvara Milinder, piano

Saturday October 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet,
St. Petersburg, Russia**

Thursday October 25, 7:30 p.m.

Othello Jefferson, organ

Sunday October 27, 4 p.m.

Brazzissimo!

Saturday November 3, 7:30 pm

Holiday Concert with the San Francisco Boys Chorus

Sunday December 9, 7 p.m. — *Free Reception*

Little Women — Open Rehearsal

Saturday December 15, Time: TBD — *Tentative*
Island City Opera

La Pastorela (The Shepherd's Story)

Sunday December 16, 8 p.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 22, 4 p.m.

San Francisco Renaissance Voices



OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR RETURNS IN 2018!

FRIDAY NOV. 2 AND

SATURDAY NOV. 3.

Bazaar Volunteers Needed

We need people to help with set-up Monday through Thursday, Oct. 29 to Nov.1 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and on Tuesday evening, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

We need people to work on the Bazaar days to help in the various booths, greet, sell raffle tickets, merchandise, help with lunch, and clean-up at the end of each day of the Bazaar. See attached flyer for details.

The Celebration of New Ministry



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special institution service of the Rev. Darren Miner as rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco.

Date & Time: Saturday November 10, 2 p.m.

Sunset Music and Arts 2019 Season



We are very excited to announce our fifth season with many new and returning artists. The season continues our tradition of strong offerings in solo instrumental performances, vocal recitals, choral music, opera, and jazz/world music concerts.

Our season opener will feature a chamber concert on Friday January 11, 2019 with New York based cellist, **Ben Capps**, and Russian pianist, **Vassily Primakov**. The Holland Times hailed Ben Capps as a "young cello phenomenon from New York." Gramophone wrote that "Primakov's empathy with Chopin's spirit could hardly be more complete." Vassily Primakov is a prize winner at the Cleveland Piano Competition and was a semi-finalist at the Van Cliburn Competition.

Solo piano artists include **Laura Klein**, **Clare Longendyke**, **Robyn Carmichael**, **Amy Stephens**, **Mark Valenti**, and **Susan Ellinger**, as well as concerts for piano 4-hands with the **Duo Papillion** and **A&R Duo**. Also featured are organ recitals with **Angela Kraft Cross** and **David Jaronowski** and a Grammy award guitarist **Cristobal Selamé**.

Our chamber music concerts features return engagements with the **Circadian String Quartet**, **Trio 180**, as well as new artists, such as the **Ensemble Illume**, **Trio Terme**, **Trio Foss**, and **Curium Piano Trio**. Our choral music concerts features our artists-in-residence, the **San Francisco Renaissance Voices**, the **San Francisco Boys Chorus**, and the **San Francisco Girls Chorus**. We are continuing our partnership with the **Bay Shore Lyric Opera** company to bring a staged performance of Bellini's tragic opera, **Norma**.

To round of the season, we feature vocal recitals with baritone **John Smalley**, mezzo-soprano **Nicole Takesono**, and a recital with **Ramana Vieira**—introducing us to the world of Fado.

Please join us and we look forward to sharing the joy of these unique performances with you. Details can be found at <http://sunsetarts.wordpress.com>.

—Mathew Chacko

October 2018

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Sep 30	Oct 1 Office Closed 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	2 Office Closed 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	3	4 6:30am Walk & Talk	5 Parish Retreat (The Bishop's Ranch, 5297 West	6 10:00am Altar Guild setup
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14 10:00am Rite II Communion	15 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	16 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music	17	18 6:30am Walk & Talk 7:00pm NERT Meeting	19	20 10:00am Altar Guild setup
21 10:00am Rite II Communion	22 Office Closed 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group	23 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music 1:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	24	25 6:30am Walk & Talk 7:30pm Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet	26	27 10:00am Altar Guild setup 4:00pm Othello Jefferson, organ
28 10:00am Rite II Communion	29 9:30am Bazaar Setup 11:30am Adult Christian Study Group 1:00pm Vestry Meeting	30 9:30am Bazaar Setup 10:00am Holy Eucharist with music 7:00pm Bazaar Pricing	31 9:30am Bazaar Setup	Nov 1	2	3

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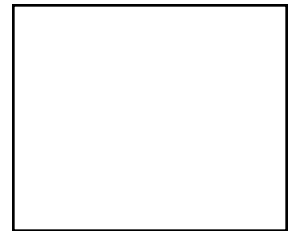
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