



The Word

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco



Ordinary Time

July—September 2017

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense

I recently received some questions about the use of incense at the liturgy. Let me address them one by one.

First, what is incense? The incense I have been using is frankincense, an aromatic tree resin valued for its sweet scent when burnt. I have restricted myself to pure, unadulterated frankincense, because it is the most well tolerated type of incense, often being described as hypoallergenic.

Why do we use it? Incense has been used in the rites of many religions for thousands of years. From early on, the offering of a sweet scent was considered a pleasing sacrifice to God, and later, the smoke rising up in the air was seen as a symbol of our prayers ascending up to Heaven. In particular, incense was used in the worship of the Jewish Temple. And based on the descriptions of divine worship found in Revelation 8:3-5, it also began to be used in Christian worship very early in our history.

The Eastern Church uses incense at all its celebrations of the Eucharist. In the West, the tradition has been to reserve the use of incense for the more solemn celebrations of the Eucharist. In accordance with this tradition, I have introduced the use of incense at the seven Principal Feasts in the Episcopal calendar: Easter Day, Ascension Day, the Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, and the Epiphany.

Incense can be used at three places in the liturgy: the entrance procession, the Gospel procession, and the Offertory. Out of respect for those with respiratory conditions, I have limited the use to the Offertory, so that the thurible never leaves the confines of the chancel. On the other hand, if you don't have respiratory issues, you might want to sit up front on the Principal Feasts and breathe deep. For according to a 2008 medical study, frankincense is mildly psychoactive and helps relieve depression and anxiety!

—The Rev. Darren Miner

THE MONACO BOYS CHOIR (U.S. TOUR)

Saturday July 15, 7 pm

Tickets: Free, Limited Seating. Registration required

The acclaimed Monaco Boys' Choir of the Principality of Monaco, formerly known as 'The Little Singers of Monaco,' will perform their only SF full-length concert at Incarnation on Saturday July 15 at 7 p.m.

This free concert and reception is graciously provided by the patronage of H.S.H. Prince Albert II.

Please register online at
<http://sunsetarts.wordpress.com>

ANNUAL GALA & RECEPTION

Sunday August 6, 2017, 7 p.m.

Tickets \$30 General, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Students

Join members of the *San Francisco Opera Chorus*, in an evening of favorite Opera arias and Broadway show tunes.

Margaret Genovese, *soprano*
Sally Porter Munro, *mezzo-soprano*
Phillip Pickens, *tenor*
Jere Torkelsen, *baritone*
Dr. Bryan Baker, *piano*

Visit <http://sunsetarts.wordpress.com> for details and ticketing information.

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- 9/10—Opera Aria & Scenes
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Monaco Boys Choir (U.S. Tour)

Saturday July 15, 7 pm

Tickets: Free. Limited Seating. Registration Required

The Play's the Thing! Bay Area Shakespeare Camp

Friday July 21, 2 pm

Tickets: Free. Limited Seating

Incarnation Travelogue

Adriatic Discovery—Sailing around the Boot!

Saturday July 22, 5:30 pm

Tickets: Free. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck

East Meets West

Gautam Ganeshan and friends

Saturday July 29, 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors/Students

Annual Opera/Broadway Gala & Reception

Sunday August 6, 7 pm

Tickets: \$30 General, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Students

East Meets West

Hildegard von Bingen's Ordo Virtutum

San Francisco Renaissance Voices

Saturday August 19, 4 pm

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors/Students

Student Vocal Recital #1— A Community Arts Event

Sunday August 27, 7 p.m.

Tickets: Free. Donations accepted.

Student Vocal Recital #2— A Community Arts Event

Friday September 1, 7 p.m.

Tickets: Free. Donations accepted.

Bay Shore Lyric Opera

Bizet's Carmen

Saturday September 9, 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$25 General, \$20 Seniors/Students

An evening of Opera Aria and Scenes

Sunday September 10, 7 pm

Tickets: \$25 General, \$15 Seniors/Students

Robyn Carmichael, piano

Saturday September 16, 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors/Students

Baroque Chamber Concert

Saturday September 23, 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors/Students

Annual Parish Retreat at

Bishop's Ranch

October 6—8, 2017

Register
Now!

Every fall we hold our annual parish retreat at the beautiful, serene, bucolic setting of Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, CA. We enjoy a time of sharing, theological reflection, community, fun activities, music, singing, and always great food. If you have never been to Bishop's Ranch this is a great opportunity not to be missed.

All retreat fees are due prior to the retreat. Refunds on cancellations will be as per Bishop Ranch's refund rules. For details on the fees and to register, please contact Marilyn Saner or the church at (415) 564-2324.

The full retreat package includes 2 nights, 3 days and 6 meals. Day trip options are also available. For details on Bishop's Ranch and its accommodations, visit <http://www.bishopranch.org/>.

A Note on Pastoral Visits

On more than one occasion, I have gotten word through the grapevine that a parishioner needed a visit, but hadn't said anything to me because he or she didn't want to bother me. Well, let me be perfectly clear: it is no bother! It is my duty as your priest to provide pastoral and sacramental care. If you are sick, call me and tell me what you need. If you are in the hospital, call me and I'll come visit. If you are just feeling lonely or depressed, call me and let me know when we can get together for a chat. And if, for whatever reason, you are unable to come to church for an extended period of time, call me and let me know, so that I can arrange to bring you Holy Communion. Honestly, folks, it really isn't a bother!

—The Rev. Darren Miner

July 2017

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
Jun 25 - Jul 1							4:00pm 6:00pm Selections from Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'South Pacific' (The Episcopal Church of the In
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Jul 2 - 8	10:00am 11:15am Rite I Communion	Office Closed	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music	12:00pm 1:00pm Lunch with Your Clergy (TPC Harding Park Clubhouse, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA)	6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		
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Jul 9 - 15	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion		10:00am 11:00am Requiem for Barbara Johnson		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group	7:30pm 8:30pm Taizé Healing Service	7:00pm 9:00pm Monaco Boys Choir - unknownorganiz er@calendar.go ogle.com
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Jul 16 - 22	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion		10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group 7:00pm 8:00pm NERT Meeting		5:30pm 8:00pm Adriatic Discovery - Sailing around the Boot! - unknownorganiz er@calendar.go
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Jul 23 - 29	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	1:00pm 2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		7:30pm 9:00pm East Meets West: Gautam Ganeshan
	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
Jul 30 - Aug 5	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	1:00pm 2:30pm Vestry Meeting					

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August 2017

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 30 - Aug 5	Jul 30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
			10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music	12:00pm 1:00pm Lunch with Your Clergy (TPC Harding Park Clubhouse, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA)	6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		
Aug 6 - 12	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10:00am 11:15am Rite I Communion 7:00pm 9:00pm Annual Opera Gala and Fundraiser (The Episcopal Church of the In		10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group	7:30pm 8:30pm Taizé Healing Service	
Aug 13 - 19	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion		10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group 7:00pm 8:00pm NERT Meeting		4:00pm 6:30pm San Francisco Renaissance Voices
Aug 20 - 26	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	1:00pm 2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		
Aug 27 - Sep 2	27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion 7:00pm 9:30pm Sunset Community Event - Summer Recital	1:00pm 2:30pm Vestry Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		

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September 2017

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
Aug 27 - Sep 2						7:00pm 9:30pm Sunset Music Community Event - Hansen Wu	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sep 3 - 9	10:00am 11:15am Rite I Communion		10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music	12:00pm 1:00pm Lunch with Your Clergy (TPC Harding Park Clubhouse, San Francisco, CA 94132, USA)	6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group	7:30pm 8:30pm Taizé Healing Service	7:30pm 10:00pm Bizet's Carmen (The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco, CA 94122, 1750 29th Ave, San Francisco, CA,
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sep 10 - 16	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion 7:00pm 10:00pm Opera Workshop concert		10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		9:00am 12:00pm SF Deanery Convocation (Holy Innocents' Episcopal Churc 7:30pm 9:00pm Robyn Carmichael, piano
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sep 17 - 23	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	1:00pm 2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group 7:00pm 8:00pm NERT Meeting		7:30pm 9:00pm Natalie Carducci (violin), Gretchen Claassen and Bruno Hurtado Gosalvez (viola da gamba), Der
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sep 24 - 30	10:00am 11:15am Rite II Communion	1:00pm 2:30pm Vestry Meeting	10:00am 11:00am Holy Eucharist with music		6:30am 7:30am Walk & Talk 12:00pm 1:00pm Adult Christian Study Group		

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