

Music Box

— FEBRUARY 26, 2012 —

COAST BRASS TRIO

Kevin Jordan, trumpet

Ruth Jordan, horn

Steve Mortensen, trombone

Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

Sinfonia.....Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713), trans. by S. Mortensen

- I. Grave
- II. Adagio
- III. Andante
- IV. Vivace

Air from Brass Trio.....Arthur Frackenpohl (1924 -)

Trio de Cors Louis-Francois Dauprat (1781-1868)

A Philharmonic Fanfare Eric Ewazen (1954 -)

Scherzo from Brass Trio Arthur Frackenpohl (1924 -)

It's the first Sunday in Lent. No chocolate? No sugar in your coffee for Lent? Alright as far as they go, but how about giving up your negation prefixes? As in: some pastors are inept, but many, such as ours, are exceptionally ept? Mr. Spell Checker is going to freak out, not knowing that the omissions are witting, and that the message is entirely verted. I am as praved as the next person, ert and completely plused. I rejoice in my feriority, which is, of course, fectious, otherwise the world would be overrun by ferior people.

Our program today consists of five pieces of music, all onymous, all sipid, for licit Lenten listening, by four composers exceptionally ept, ferior, ert, none peccable or gratiating.

Melinda Coffey Armstead
Music Director



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Monday morning, February 20, 2012

Dear members and friends,

One of the hymns chosen for last Sunday's congregational hit parade was "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." It has a somewhat complex background. Seems there was a riveting young preacher chap in Philadelphia—an Episcopalian of all things—named Dudley Tyng. At 29 years of age he succeeded his father in the pulpit of the large Episcopalian Church of the Epiphany. His ministry was rocky as he took a strong stand against slavery and his preaching was heavily doctrinal. Rather than wasting his time with wealthy albeit dummkopf parishioners, he and some parishioners started The Church of the Covenant.

This was one energetic fellow. Even with a rapidly growing congregation, he found time to hold noon-day services at the YMCA. Great crowds were attracted. One Tuesday (March 30, 1858) over 5,000 men gathered for a noon mass meeting to hear young Tyng preach from Exodus 10:11— "Go ye that are men and serve the Lord." Must have been a terrific sermon because over 1,000 men committed their hearts and lives to Christ and His service.

Well as a preacher you have to be careful what you say. In his sermon he stated, "...and I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty in delivering God's message." The following week visiting in the country and watching a corn thrasher, he caught his sleeve between the cogs severing his artery and damaging the nerve. Infection followed and he died and his final words were, "Let us all stand up for Jesus."

The following Sunday, Tyng's dear friend, George Duffield, pastor of the Temple Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, preached his sermon as a tribute to his friend, Dudley Tyng. He closed his sermon by repeating the six stanzas he had written inspired by his friend's dying words which, of course, were the words of the hymn "Stand Up for Jesus." The music for the hymn came from a secular song written by George Webb, "Tis Dawn, the Lark is Singing" used for a musical show on board a ship crossing the Atlantic. A dynamic young Episcopalian preacher, a corn-threshing machine, a tragic accident, a Presbyterian minister's text tribute—all went into the background of this hymn! Now all this drama should help put some oomph into our singing of the hymn, Yes?

See you in church,



Charles C. Anker

Calendar

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:30 AM Bible Study with Charles Anker. Topic: 1 Peter 1: 13
The Necessary Strength and Power of the Christian Faith

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Romans 5:12-20; Psalm 51: 1-12; Matthew 4:1-11

Lector Judy Fletcher

Crucifer Vicki Spranza

Flowers Lawrence and Luana Wilsey

Cookies Theo Fowler and Ruth Gleisner

Altar Care Martha Jordan and Tootie Denahy

Ushers TBD

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Life on the Edge

Tuesday, February 21, 2012—Shrove Tuesday Hors d'oeuvres Fest 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 — Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 26, 2012 — Crucifer meeting following the service