

Music Box

JULY 27, 2014

**Avery Griffin, bass-baritone
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

A Legende of Echoes (2006) ... Poetry by Harold Hart Crane (1899-1932)

Music by Vartan Aghababian (b. 1964) for Avery Griffin

Legende

October-November

Fear

Echoes

Exile

Interior

Postscript

“Gebt mir” from St. Matthew PassionJ. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gebt mir meinen Jesum wieder, Seht, das Geld, den Mörderlohn,
wirft euch der verlorne Sohn zu den Füßen nieder.

Give me back my Jesus! See, the money, the wages of murder,
The lost son throws at you, down at your feet.

Fugue in C, WTC I.....J. S. Bach

A warm welcome back to Avery Griffin! Avery is an accomplished ensemble performer who is at ease in traditional choral ensembles like the Choir of Trinity Wall Street and the Choir of Men and Boys at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, Manhattan; and in avant garde groups specializing in new music and utilizing vocal techniques from around the world like the Grammy award winning *Roomful of Teeth* and *NotaRiotous*. Also a composer, premieres of his compositions have been performed by various ensembles including the Boston University Chamber Chorus.

This Sunday we have the pleasure of hearing him perform a beautiful new (2006) song cycle written expressly for him.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, July 21, 2014

Dear Members and Friends,

This past Friday a memorial service for Carol Poole was held at the Church in the Forest. George Poole's daughter, Ellen Rankin, is an associate minister at Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, and she participated in the service for her stepmother. It was a delight to have Ellen take part, and I know that I, and the Church in the Forest, have found a new friend in Ellen. There were readings, which were important to the family, and while many of you have perhaps heard them, I wanted to pass them on to you and so share the beauty and meaning of them:

We give her back to thee, dear Lord, who gavest her to us. And as Thou did not lose her in the giving, so neither have we in her return. For what is Thine is ours always if we are Thine. And life is eternal and love immortal, and what men call death is only a horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly and know that all is well with those who are now in the other room of our Father's many-mansioned house.

As Thou has prepared a place for us, so also prepare us for that place, that where Thou art, and our loved ones are, there we may also come in Thine own good time.


Given the tragedies that are taking place in Gaza and Israel, and in so many other places in our world, and the horror of the shooting down of Malaysian flight MH17 with all lives lost, I pray that these words above might bring comfort to those who lost their loved ones in this mindless tragedy.

After speaking with Board Chair, Carol Sullivan, I will be calling my ministerial colleagues in our community to open our churches and invite people to come in and say a prayer and find in

the God of us all, comfort and strength. And to pray for our world leaders, that we turn from war and strife and work together for peace and unity.

The Church in the Forest will be open Thursday and Friday of this week from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please feel free to drop by and say a prayer for those who are grieving and for peace and order in the world.

Prayerful blessings,


William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The *Carmel Bach Festival* continues with two more Wednesday late-afternoon concerts here at Church in the Forest on **July 23 and July 30**. We are fortunate to enjoy several Sundays of Bach Festival soloists as part of our morning worship service: **July 27, Avery Griffin**, bass; and **August 3, Edwin Huizinga**, violin. More info at www.bachfestival.org

Faith Study July 29, 10:15-11:30. "The Personhood and Deity of the Holy Spirit." One may as well try to hear without ears as live a godly life without the Holy Spirit. Join us at **Ruth Gleisner's** 3004 Sloat Road, Pebble Beach.

Calendar

Sunday, July 27, 2014

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. The Gospel of Matthew
The Conclusion of the Beatitudes. Matthew 5:7 – 5:12

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages James 5:13-18; Psalm 4: 1-8; Matthew 6:1-8

Lector Lloyd Nattkemper

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Michael and Victoria Carns

Cookies Nancy Borino

Altar Care Martha Jordan

Ushers Phil Bowhay and Susie Pearson

Sermon The Rev Dr. William B. Rolland

Title "Praying in the Darkness"