

Report of the Provost to the Chapter 1977-1978

REPORT FROM THE ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER AND PRECENTOR

MUSIC

Cathedral Choir

Boys (treble) 19 scholarship boys
Boys (alto) 2
Men 15 (2 volunteer)

Repertory prepared and presented during the year consisted of several hundred anthems and motets, canticles, preces and responses, music for the communion service, psalms and hymns performed in 76 Sunday services with full choir and 75 daily evensong services with the boys.

Musical Preludes and Guest Choral Groups

Fifty-four guest choral groups were presented. In addition, more choruses and choirs sang informally in the cathedral while having tours.

Additional Instruments

There were nineteen occasions when instruments in addition to the organ were used, ranging from instrumental soloists to full orchestras.

Organ Music

Twenty-five recitalists played organ recitals. Cathedral organists played many voluntaries which were listed in service leaflets, as well as many others which were not.

Chapel Choir

Thirty-two boys of the Chapel Choir in training rehearsed Thursday and Friday afternoons and sang the 9 am Bethlehem Chapel service from October '77 through May '78, under the direction of Douglas Major. Six boys were selected for choir scholarships in St. Albans School, and began their work with fourteen returning boys on September 5, 1978.

Cathedral Choral Society

Approximately two hundred members sing every concert. Dues are thirty dollars per member for the season. Rehearsals are held in the cathedral every Monday from the first Monday night after Labor Day through the final concert.

The following works were presented:

Litaniae and The Great Mass in C by Mozart
Joy of Christmas
Requiem by Faure
The Mass in B Minor by Bach

Additional Performances:

Cathedral Open House, October 1, 1977
Installation of the Rt. Rev. John T. Walker, September 24, 1977
Celebration of the Ministry of Francis B. Sayre, Jr., January 15, 1978
Berlioz Requiem performance at Wolf Trap, August, 1978
A Merry Evening in May, Women's Board Benefit, May 18, 1978

Music Director: Paul Callaway
President: Theodore R. Bledsoe, M.D.
Vice President: Mrs. Donald McCandless
Secretary: Ramona Forbes
Manager: Marion Leach

Cathedral Peal

Members of the Cathedral Ringing Society 21
Members of the Whitechapel Guild 12
Ringing Visitors during the year 81
Weddings for which the bells were rung 28
Scheduled practices: Tuesdays 6:45-9:00 pm
Sundays 11:00-12:00 noon
Whitechapel Guild as scheduled during the school year
Service ringing: All 11:00 am services on Sundays
All NCS Friday chapel services
Weddings as requested
Quarter peals: 26 quarter peals were rung on the bells, including:
a) The first quarter on ten bells by an all-female band in the United States on the occasion of the dedication of the King window and in honor of Mrs. King
b) A half-muffled quarter peal of Cambridge Major in memory of Aldo Moro

Bellmaster: Richard S. Dirksen

Cathedral Carillon

Weekly recitals 52
Special recitals Flower Mart
NCS
St. Albans
Beauvoir
Weddings
Christmas
Easter
Open House
Visiting recitalists Milford Myhre, Lake Wales, Florida
Karl Keldermans, Springfield, Illinois
Helen Fan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Milford Myhre (again)
Gordon Slater, Ottawa, Ontario
James B. Welch, Santa Barbara, California
Richard von Grabow, Ames, Iowa
David Hunsberger, St. Louis, Missouri

The cathedral carillon was featured in a short piece filmed by the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, aired twice on "Critic's Choice" Channel 22, PBS.

Acting Cathedral Carillonneur:
Richard P. Strauss

Additional Music Notes

A new choir recording, soon to be issued
Ascension Day Concert in the Church of Ascension and St. Agnes
Diocesan Boy Choir Festival, April 30, 1978
Good Friday - "The Passion According to St. Matthew" Heinrich Schütz
NBC Television Service, December 25, 1977
Two concerts shared with the Choral Society, Season 1977-78

Organist/Choirmaster: Richard Wayne Dirksen
Assistant Organist/Choirmaster: Douglas R. Major

WORSHIP

Following is a list of special services for which bulletins were produced and logistics organized by this department:

1977

September 24	Installation Service of the Rt. Rev. John T. Walker
September 25	Dedication of Candle Holder from German congregation
October 1	Open House
October 5	Hibbard James Memorial Window Dedication
October 12	Blumberg Memorial Window Dedication
October 22	Merritt Williams Interment and Memorial
October 19	Mary Breckenridge Banners Dedication
November 16	Dorothea Bell Dalrymple Memorial Dedication
November 17	A Celebration of the New Ministry of the Rev. Mark Hill Mullin
November 20	YWCA Window Dedication Service
November 30	Cathedral Aides Light Fixtures Dedication
December 7	Muir Thanksgiving Keystone Dedication

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January 11	Fredlund, Golding, Hobbs, Lea Window Dedications
January 15	Octave of Christian Unity Service
January 15	A Celebration of the Ministry of The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr.
January 27	Diocesan Convention Service
February 2	Thomas D. Finney, Jr. Memorial Service
February 5	Celebration of the Transfiguration
February 12	Dedication of Lincoln Bay Bosses
February 20	Dedication of Olive King Clerestory Window
March 12	Service Honoring Washington Hospice Society
March 12	Installation of Verger, Chapter, Provost

April 19	Dedication of Philosopher's Window
April 23	Festival for Marriage Service
April 24	Heisey, Lee, Reagan Memorial Window Dedications
May 14	Service in Memory of Aldo Moro
May 20	Mitchell Memorial Window Dedication
May 21	YMCA Service Mid-Atlantic Region
May 23	Norman Arch Dedication
May 28	Choir Awards
May 31	Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration for Richard T. Feller
June 12	Service in Honor of Roger Morigi
June 13	Anglican Window Dedication
September 25	The Unfinished Adam Dedication
September 30	Open House

Altar Guild

Membership	66
Weddings	67
Funerals and Memorials	37
Confirmations	3
Flower Courses	3
Dedications	13
Lectures and Workshops	13, in eight states
Needlepoint Classes taught	1 class of six lessons
Needlepoint Seminars	3, in two states
Group Visits to Altar Guild	30

The above figures for lectures, workshops and group visits to the cathedral reflect needlepoint as well as flowers, linens and silver.

Head: Mrs. Richard W. Hynson
Assistant: Mrs. Stuart J. Miller

Number of Services

Cathedral Services - Daily	942
Cathedral Services - Sunday	<u>241</u>
	1,183

Other Cathedral Services

Baptisms	74
Confirmations	4*
Weddings	65
Interments	5
Funerals	7
Memorial Services	27
Schools' Services	36
Special Services	60
Other	<u>52</u>
	330

*Convocation Services and Private Confirmations

Services by other Denominations

St. Francis Polish Catholic 57

Total of All Services 1,570

Guest Preachers

Anglican	3
Episcopal	4
Lutheran	1
Roman Catholic	2
Presbyterian	2
Methodist	1
Jewish	1
Unknown	<u>11</u>

25

Total Attendance at Cathedral Services 163,000

Total Offerings \$99,999.66

Precentor: Richard Wayne Dirksen
Canon Michael P. Hamilton
Canon Lloyd S. Casson
Verger: John Kraus