

Report of the Worship Department

Canon Richard W. Dirksen, precentor

Music Department - Douglas R. Major, Organist and Choirmaster

Cathedral Choir: Trebles: 18 scholarship boys
 Altos: 4 Upper School scholarship boys
 Men: 18 receiving part-time salary

The repertory prepared and presented for services ranged from medieval monody through contemporary works and premieres, and included several hundred anthems and motets, hymns, psalms, canticles, responses and settings of the communion ordinary. The full choir sang 68 services and the men's choir sang 21 services in the summer. The boys provided hymns, psalms and canticles for 101 weekday evensongs and 5 weddings.

Special events for the Cathedral Choir:

1988:

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| October | Open House
Interfaith AIDS Service
Performance at Mount Vernon |
| November | Marines Service |
| December | Two performances of "Joy of Christmas" with Cathedral Choral Society
Installation of D. Major as Organist and Choirmaster
Christmas Concert
Christmas Day Telecast (ABC Network) |
| January | Inaugural Service (Live Telecast) |
| February | Companion Diocese Service |
| March | Messiah, complete at the Kennedy Center with Stephen Simon, conductor |
| April | Diocesan Boy and Girl Choir Evensong
Choral Society Concerts (Britten -War Requiem) |

Junior Choir

Fourteen boys, ages 8-10, rehearsed twice weekly and sang the 9 am Sunday Eucharist in Bethlehem Chapel from October through May, under the direction of Robert Lehman, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster. Six boys were selected for entrance into the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, and began their work with 11 returning boys in September.

Additional Instruments

There were six occasions when instruments were used in addition to organ for services.

Organ and Organ Recitals

There were 16 organ recitals. Organ demonstrations were given by Mr. Lehman most Wednesday noons during the year. A major rebuilding and refitting of the Great Organ Console necessitated the removal of the console and replacement with a temporary console from January 3 until July 1. The console work was almost completed by the end of this fiscal year. The Brustwerk and Positiv divisions are under construction, which began in July and continues into the fall of 1989.

Visiting Choral Groups

Five guest choral groups provided music for Sunday Evensong services and twenty-six groups provided 30 minute choral preludes to services. In addition, many groups sang informally in the cathedral while having tours.

Diocesan Musical Events

With the assistance of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Music, Douglas Major planned and coordinated the following:

- Music for the Diocesan Convention Eucharist in January
- The Diocesan Boy and Girl Choir Festival Evensong in March, with choristers from six parishes
- Two Diocesan Confirmation Services in April and May
- Music for the Ordination of Deacons service in June

The Musicians

During my first complete year as Organist and Choirmaster, I was privileged to have a very strong treble section in the Cathedral Choir. Increased support for choirmen's salaries allowed me to improve significantly the level of singing from the men.

Robert Lehman completed his second year as Assistant Organist and Choirmaster. His skills as a musician continue to grow and develop, and his rapport with the boys and the men of the choir is to be commended. He is continually a source of new ideas and approaches to challenges in our department, and as an administrator fulfills a very important function in a department without full-time administrative assistance.

Arrangements Office

The following is a list of special services and events for which leaflets were printed and/or logistics arranged by the staff of the Arrangements Office of the Worship Department (September 1, 1988 - August 31, 1989). In addition to these events and the weekly ROTA of services (942 daily services and 243 Sunday services), the Arrangements Office planned 72 baptisms, 50 weddings, 4 interments, 7 funerals, and 44 memorials.

September 1988

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| 2 | Tri-Schools Service |
| 2 | Fifth Anniversary Service for the victims of the KAL-007 Tragedy |
| 7 | St. Andrew's Episcopal School Opening Service |
| 9/10 | Diocese of Virginia Renewal Day Conference and Services |
| 11 | Induction of Choristers |
| 15 | Eucharist for the Leadership Development Group of the Diocese of Washington |
| 18 | Shir Chadash Chorale (Summer Festival) |
| 25 | Service in Honor of St. Sergius |
| 25 | Westminster Abbey Choir Concert |
| 27 | NCA Evensong |
| 28 | NCA Evensong |
| 29 | NCA Noonday Prayers |
| 30 | NCA Eucharist |

October 1988

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| 1 | Open House |
| 2 | Cantores Minores Concert |
| 5 | Evensong in Thanksgiving for the life of Worth Rowley |
| 8 | Acolyte Festival |
| 9 | Interfaith AIDS Service |
| 15 | Huguenot Day of Remembrance Service |

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- 16 Dedication of the Trumbell/Adams Window
 - 16 Service for the United States Navy
 - 19 Evensong and Hardy Statue Dedication
 - 30 Dedication of the Reformation Clerestory Window
 - 30 Lutheran Reformation Service
- November 1988
- 1 All Hallows Guild All Saints Day Service
 - 4 Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral
 - 6 Service for the United States Marine Corps
 - 13 National Day of Prayer for AIDS
 - 16 Prospects for Peace Conference
 - 24 High Altar Festival Eucharist - Thanksgiving
- December 1988
- 4 Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Service
 - 4 Installation of Douglas Major as Organist and Choirmaster
 - 18 Cathedral Choir Concert
 - 19 Funeral for Wiley Branton
 - 22 Staff Christmas Service
 - 24 Christmas Eve Pageant
 - 25 Christmas Day Eucharist (Telecast)
 - 25 Christmas Day Eucharist and Congregational Singing
 - 28 Wreath Laying at Wilson's Tomb
 - 30 Jubilee Choral Festival
- January 1989
- 1 Festival of Lessons and Carols
 - 10 Memorial Service for Senator Symington
 - 13/14 Folger Consort Production: Ordo Virtutem
 - 22 Inaugural Prayer Service
 - 25 Armenian Ecumenical Requiem Mass
 - 27/28 Diocese of Washington Annual Convention
 - 30 Evensong and Dedication of the Wright Memorial Torches
- February 1989
- 5 Celebration for Honduras
 - 8 Ash Wednesday Eucharist
 - 12 Marvin Mills Organ Recital in Honor of Black History Month
 - 17 Episcopal Schools Black History Month Performance
 - 19 The Daniel L. Rideout Great Hymns Choir of Baltimore
 - 22 Evensong in Recognition of Gordon Carter
 - 22 Georgetown University Celebration of Religious Liberty
 - 26 Honneger's King David
- March 1989
- 3-17 Palestinian - Israeli Art Exhibit
 - 6 The Ann Ree Colton Foundation Prayer Service
 - 17 Greater Atlanta Christian Schools Prayer Service
 - 23 Maunday Thursday Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows
 - 23 Maunday Thursday Holy Eucharist
 - 24 Good Friday Service: Prayer and Meditations
 - 25 Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter
 - 26 Easter Carillon Recital and Concert by the Mount Union College Brass

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April 1989

- 1 Cursillo Multi-diocesan Ultreya Festival Eucharist
- 7 Creation of New Chapter and Installation of Officers, Daughters of the King
- 8 Diocese of Washington Confirmations
- 9 Service for the United States Army
- 14 A Celebration of the Life of Adrien Lescaze
- 16 Diocesan Boy and Girl Choir Festival Evensong
- 20 Beal Interment
- 23 Kirkin O'Tartan
- 24 Robert Amory, Jr. Memorial
- 25 ANZAK Service

May 1989

- 4 Dedication of Eucharistic Vestments - Bethlehem Chapel
- 7 Service for the United States Air Force
- 9 ECW Installation
- 14 A Mother's Day Service for Our Children
- 17 A Service of South African Witness
- 19 Dedication of the Bratenahl House Garden
- 20 Diocese of Washington Confirmations
- 23 NCA Evensong
- 24 NCA Evensong
- 25 NCA Eucharist
- 25 Episcopal Migration Ministries Eucharist
- 28 Cathedral Choir Concert - Fauré Requiem
- 31 Evensong and Dedication of the Margaret Johnston Sawyer Memorial

June 1989

- 4 Choir Recognition Service
- 8 Commissioning of Soviet Youth Tour
- 10 Diocese of Washington Ordination of Deacons
- 11 Memorial Service for the Victims of Violence in China
- 11 Altar Guild, Verger, and Bell Ringer Recognition
- 13 Mt. Vernon High School Baccalaureate
- 14 Annandale High School Baccalaureate
- 15 Commission of Peace Commission Hondouras Tour Group
- 17 Diocese of Maryland Ordination of Deacons
- 23 Festival of Healing
- 27 Danish Radio Choir (Summer Festival Concert)
- 28 James Saenger Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)

July 1989

- 2 Cathedral Volunteer Service Community Commissioning
- 4 Douglas Major Organ Recital (Summer Festival Concert)
- 5 Brian Swager Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)
- 11 D.C. Youth Orchestra/Cathedral Choral Society (Summer Festival Concert)
- 12 James Saenger Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)
- 18 Le Petit Chanteurs de Lyon (Summer Festival Concert)
- 19 Gordon Slater Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)
- 25 Manchester String Quartet (Summer Festival Concert)
- 26 Edward Nassor Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)

August 1989

- 1 Commonwealth Brass (Summer Festival Concert)
- 2 James Saenger Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)

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8	William Neil, and the New York Trumpet Ensemble (Summer Festival Concert)
9	Larry Weinstein Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)
16	Robert Byrnes Recital (Summer Festival Carillon Recital)
27	Celebration of the Feast Day of the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet with The Rev. Henry Winter Syle

Report From the Verger - John Kraus

Services:

Cathedral services daily	942
Cathedral services Sunday	243
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Other Cathedral Services:

Baptism	72
Confirmation	4
Weddings	50
Interments	4
Funerals	7
Memorials	44
School	56
Special	67
Other	54
Polish National Catholic	55
Serbial Orthodox	3
Total Services	<hr/> 1601

Guest Preachers:

Anglican	3
Lutheran	1
Episcopal	2
Evangelical Lutheran	1
Baptist	1
Pentecostal	1
Presbyterian	1
Methodist Episcopal	1
Dutch Reformed Calvinist	1

Grand Total Attendance, all services 201,688

The Report of the Altar Guild Office, Mrs Richard W. Hynson, head

Membership	79
Weddings	50
Funerals and Memorials	45
Dedications	2

Flower Seminar January 23 - 27

Flower arranging classes, local	
Participants	24
Classes	8
Needlepoint classes, local groups	2
Lecture, workshops & slide shows	21

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Number of states in which given:	
Flowers	12
Needlepoint	3
Needlepoint tours in cathedral	10
Behind-the-scenes group visits to Altar Guild covering flowers, linens, silver and vestments. (Includes 2 Elderhostel visits.)	11

Cathedral Carillon--James Saenger, cathedral carillonneur

Saturday recitals, at either 12:30 or 5:00pm were played throughout the year on the Kibbey Carillon. Occasional schedule conflicts, special programs and poor weather accounted for deviations from the jour fixe schedule. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter, Open House and the Flower Mart saw and heard the carillon in coordinated use with services and special events. The Christmas Candlelight Open House in December used carillon music and received a favorable review in the "Washington Post."

The first weekly series of formal recitals was held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and included five guest recitalists. The series afforded me the opportunity to both play and hear the Kibbey Carillon in an excellent Summer setting and audience observation demonstrated the broad-based interest in this specialized musical form. The first four recitals were attended by ca. 60-80 serious listeners, with up to ca. 300 for the last two performances. Some valuable experience was gained during the series which should help make future presentations even more attractive to the general public. Printed programs and posters were provided for the series.

A special aim of the Summer Festival carillon series was to garner input about the response of the Kibbey Carillon, its action in particular. With the impending 1990 GCNA Congress here in June, only maintenance-type repairs of a non-redundant nature will be recommended before that time, especially as a thorough approach to some matters of action and frame restoration should benefit from further engineering to insure a durable state-of-the-art result at the most economical price. The invited carillonneurs all spent considerable time with me on action calculations and practice analysis for action response.

for the 1990 GCNA Congress here, binding arrangements have been made with American University for accommodations. Three recitalists have been engaged and topics for technical and academic musical presentations are being reviewed. The facilities of the Kibbey Carillon, Bishop's Garden and NCS Auditorium should be used to full advantage and make for an impressive meeting. Visits to other carillons in the area are being planned by co-hosts Robert Grogan and Edward Nassor and a reception at the Capitol remains possible, subject to availability of facilities. A summer Festival series of carillon recitals could begin during the course of the 1990 Congress.

On student regularly works with me and continues to practice, generally on Wednesdays. He will probably play his advancement recital in the course of the 1990 Congress.

Cathedral Peal Bells - Richard S. Dirksen, bellmaster

<i>Statistics</i>	<u>1988-1989</u>	<u>1987-1988</u>
Full Peals	4	1
Quarter Peals	22	23
Tower Visitors	83	63
Weddings	25	26

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Adult Members	30	40
Whitechapel Guild	15	15

Comments

Despite the drop in adult membership, the past year was in general an good one. The loss of members resulted mostly from a "pruning" of relatively inactive names; the remaining 30 are all regularly active in the group, and 30 seems to be a comfortable number of members given the amount of "rope time" normally available.

Installation of carpeting and forced air heaters last fall succeeded in making the environment of the tower not only better but downright comfortable. Moreover, the acoustic balance of the room was vastly improved, meaning that treatment of the ceiling should no longer be necessary. The only physical improvement left to consider is the room lighting, which is quite poor.

In June, the ringers participated in a joint service with the Altar Guild and Vergers. Although many ringers had earlier in the year expressed interest in being "more closely connected" with the cathedral life, turnout for this service was disappointingly low, possibly because a tower tour for the Altar Guild members preceding the service had to be canceled. We hope to be involved in this service again next year, however, and will work on getting a better showing.

Two ringing demonstrations/tower tours were given for Cathedral Volunteers during the summer. These were very well attended and well received, and should be a regular event.

A feature article on the bells and ringing appeared in the summer issue of the Cathedral Age. Author Jean Grigsby spent quite a bit of time talking with ringers and researching the piece, and her efforts resulted in a really good synopsis of Washington ringing, circa 1989.

The ringers are looking forward to being fully involved in the events of the consecration year.

From the Events Manager - Virginia Riggs Kilgour

In addition to my responsibility for the special services and events listed in the Arrangements Office report, I am responsible for the management of the National Cathedral Association Conference Center. This task is riddled with a myriad of details which could not be accomplished without the able support and assistance of the Sexton's and Security crews and the Sound Engineer.

The conference center offers conference room meeting space, reception space, and auditorium space. In reviewing its usage for the year I find that, on the average, one of these spaces is in use every day. This use varies from cathedral staff meetings to large conferences. While use of the facility is somewhat restricted, it is worthwhile to note the scope of what is offered. To that end I have compiled a list of some of the events which have taken place in the conference center this year, please note that this list does not include such things as weekly staff meetings or the many coffees, meetings, and Pilgrimages which the NCA supports.

The conference center provides space for the meetings of such community groups as Hospice Care of the District of Columbia, The Washington Personel Association, and Virginia Theological Seminary's Field Education Training Program; we also host several Red Cross Blood Drives throughout the year. In addition, the Bishop's Task Force on Aids, the Literacy Program, the Cathedral Volunteer Service Community, the cathedral's Financial Counselors Program, the Samaritan Ministries and a variety of local parish vestrys have meetings and training sessions regularly in the center. The Personel Office and Volunteer Office have organized some important programs for foundation employees and volunteers, these include training and enrichment programs, health fairs, educational "bag lunches", a breast care seminar and a Red Cross AIDS information seminar. Through the efforts of the Diocesan Peace Commission and the Senior Canons Office, many meetings of national and international significance occurred this year in the conference center, these included conferences on such topics as

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and US/Soviet Relations. Other conferences included Hildegard of Bingen, the Diocesan Clergy Conference, Elder Hostel, the Festival of Healing, a workshop for adult children of troubled families, a workshop on women's spirituality and the Provost's annual Advent series.

Through presenting this rather extensive list I hope to have shown what a wonderful role the NCA Conference Center plays in the life of the cathedral, the Diocese and the community. I find working with these groups to be rewarding both because of their variety and because of the important issues and subjects with which they deal. As I reviewed the year's calendar it was additionally exciting to note the number of meetings taking place these days to plan for the events of 1990!

From the Precentor

As we begin the year of celebration and thanksgiving for the completion of the building, the worship department is prepared to accomplish all that we have planned. The small staff is sufficiently able and experienced in all areas of responsibility, and is of heretofore unmatched excellence in administrative ability. This is so because of the Events Manager and her able assistant, Jennifer Gardella, who possesses the skills and is completely trained to backup the department. It is also a strength that the precentor's time is now wholly available for worship planning and management.

The vergers are an invaluable part of this team. It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance and the diversity of foreseen details they must deal with. The unforeseen are still more numerous and the more important, for upon their handling depends goodwill, and the deserved reputation for excellence in worship that the cathedral has long maintained. During this coming year their work may be the most important of all we do. It will certainly be the most apparent.

The clergy staff, the five canons plus the provost, each have separate and important missions to fulfill. They also undertake worship assignments with faithfulness and good preparation. Because of these diverse responsibilities four secretaries back them up with needed resourcefulness, and truly awesome abilities. We are blessed in the work of each and all, and the spirit of respect and cooperation that exists in the department at present is a most valuable asset for the months ahead..

It is not a happy thought to know that Sandy Hynson's coming year will be her last, but we are fortunate that she will still be with us. The company of volunteers that is the excellent and valued Altar Guild has been maintained, trained and guided by her for almost two decades. The adorning of our altars and the preservation of our sacred furnishings represent our oldest tradition of volunteer service to the praise and prayer offered in this cathedral. Her great contribution to that work will be crowned by this year of important and loving service still ahead.

The eighteen lay readers of this cathedral serve it with enthusiasm - (the word stems from *en theos*; gr. for "a God within") - as do the several daily clergy persons who faithfully come on duty to meet visitors and conduct offices. The ushers corps is large, efficient, strongly recruited and motivated by Derrick Humphries. His leadership of that vital organization has not heretofore been matched by any predecessor. The music which is such an intrinsic part of our worship is under talented leadership, and the carillonneur and master of the bells file reports reflecting a lot of activity during the past year that will almost double in the year ahead.

This report for the past year has emphasized the growth of the worship department staff in experience and preparation. The year to come will demand the fullest utilization of all of it, and the most successful efforts of all who are privileged to finish the cathedral and participate in its consecration - its whole hallowing to God's great glory.