

“Transparency”

“The secret of the world
can be found
wherever one discerns
the transparency of the universe.”

*-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin,
“Letters From A Traveller”*

Aristotle said that music is the creative tension between sound and silence. In that same sense, faith is the creative tension between what we know and what we believe and hope to be.

We are a people desiring to grow in knowledge of the universe in which we find ourselves. We are a people desiring to deepen our belief that this universe has meaning and message and that we are not just part of some accidental happenings, but instead part of a Grand Love Affair between Creator and Created.

It is in our commitment to find ways to celebrate and live our common humanity as people of the global village that God becomes more fully present to us. Music can be one such way.

I am happy to announce and to offer to you “Transparency, the CD.” “Transparency” is a collection of original compositions of music created by a good friend of mine, James Kinney. I have had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with Jim in the creation of this CD by writing the text that accompanies it. The text professes a global spirituality that can help people of diverse creeds to worship the “Holy One” together.

“Transparency” is a blend of neo-classical and new age music that will help you to travel to the center of the Universe, God! The music of “Transparency” is ideal for private or communal contemplation/prayer, for the opening and closing prayers of meetings or gatherings, or for soothing music in the car during rush hour traffic. Accompanying the CD is a written text that can be read in preparation for the hearing of the music or as one listens to the music. The text is designed to assist the listener in discerning the transparency of the universe.

Though particular in its origin, this music is universal and is a gift to all – believers of all the world’s religions and non-believers as well.

As the Composer, James Kinney, says, “I have created this music to unite the soul of the individual with the soul of the universe.

We are very fortunate to have James Kinney with us this weekend at all our liturgies so that we may experience his music. Afterwards, the CD’s are available for sale in the courtyard - \$10/CD or 3 CD’s for \$25. They will make great “stocking stuffers” for Christmas. They will also be available for purchase in our parish office for the next several months.

All proceeds from the sale will equally benefit the building fund of Santa Sophia Parish and our own Church of St. Thomas More.

I encourage you to purchase “Transparency.” May this music help you to live the creative tension of sound and silence, knowledge and faith, life and death.