

Music Blurbs 8-18-19 – “Go forth for God”

News and Notes:

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome trumpeter Jesse Tubb. Jesse is stationed at Fort Myer and is a member of the US Army Band “Pershing's Own” and serves as assistant principal trumpet in the Concert Band. A few years ago, when Arlington National Cemetery made a statue of a Taps bugler in their welcome center, he was chosen to be the model.

We will sing “People, look East!,” “I want to walk as a child of the light,” and “Go forth for God.”

Sunday Bulletins:

Several years ago when we did a survey at St. James’ of people’s favorite hymns I was pleasantly surprised to find that hymn 347, “Go forth for God,” was in the top ten. The text, by British priest and poet John Peacey, is an amplification of the petitions of the postcommunion prayer “send us now into the world in peace....to love and serve you,” and the dismissal “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” The music was written for use with this text by The Rev. Dr. Erik Routley, noted composer and hymnologist. The tune is called LITTON and was commissioned in 1982 by Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton, New Jersey in honor of the end of James Litton’s tenure there as Organist and Choirmaster. Routley and Litton were good friends and fellow faculty members at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. This was one of Routley’s last hymns. James Litton went on to be the director of the American Boychoir in Princeton and upon his retirement he spent two years here in Washington as the Interim Choirmaster at National Cathedral.