

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to announce our 2026-2027 Candlelight Concerts at St. Mary the Virgin!

Now in our 48th season, we have an exciting schedule of concerts including **Aeternum's** first apperance on our series, the anticipated return of **Byrd Ensemble**, an evening of art songs presented by soprano **Ellen Leslie** and tenor **Brian Thorsett**, and a featured performance by **St. Mary's Parish Choir**.

For All Souls, we remember the Faithful Departed with the 1746 **Missa di Morti** of Italian master Francesco Durante.

I extend my gratitude to our donors, by whose generosity we are always able to offer these stunning performances free and open to the public.

These concerts are one of the many ways that St. Mary's offers a place of spiritual benediction, and we are counting on your support. If you would like to contribute to the Candlelight Concerts with a tax-deductible donation, we would be most grateful.

Thank you very much for your support, and I look forward to sharing this music with you!

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Candlelight Concerts 48th Season 2026-2027



The Episcopal Church of
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San Francisco

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I support the 2026-2027
Candlelight Concert Series

Saturday, September 12

5:00 p.m.

Aeternum

Origins explores the Renaissance's greatest hits alongside their re-imagined works by today's most exciting living composers.



Sunday, October 4

5:00 p.m.

Ellen Leslie and Brian Thorsett



Ellen Leslie and Brian Thorsett, with pianist Kevin Korth and the Lee Trio present a concert of art songs, including the premiere of Eric Choate's cycle, *All the Good I Know*, with texts by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Sunday, November 1

5:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Choir performs Durante's *Requiem**



Observe the feast of All Souls with the Requiem of 18th-century Neapolitan composer Francesco Durante. We will be joined by the St. Dominic's Schola Cantorum and St. Mary's Chamber Orchestra.

Sunday, December 13

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Advent*



Anticipate the coming of Christ with readings from Holy Scripture interwoven with familiar carols and glorious music featuring St. Mary's Children's, Youth, & Parish Choirs.

Sunday, February 7

5:00 p.m.

Byrd Ensemble

Byrd Ensemble returns to St. Mary's for a programme called *Miserere: Music of the Sistine Chapel*.



Sunday, February 28

3:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Choir



An afternoon of sublime choral music presented by our Parish Choir, including works by Schütz, Bruckner, and Brahms.

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*indicates liturgical offering with special music