

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Tuesday:	Honoring Labor Day
Wednesday:	Sung Morning Prayer: Faithfulness
Thursday:	Ministry and Service. Preacher: Rev Kyle Pedersen
Friday:	Community Eucharist. in the style of St Gregory of Nyssa Church, San Francisco. Presider: Rev'd Greta Getlein. Community homiletic led by Micah Luce.

Tuesday: Honoring Labor Day

We will begin this week's worship with a service dedicated to themes emerging from Labor Day – creation, employment and unemployment, Sabbath, with songs, hymns, prayers and readings around those themes.

Wednesday: Sung Morning Prayer

This week we will sing again our inspiring new setting, "Faithfulness", compiled and led by Brett Terry (Interim Director of Music). Wednesday is, by Marquand tradition, the day for "Sung Morning Prayer". Although several denominations have services with that name, our version isn't based on any denominational service, but is unique to Marquand. The beauty of our Sung Morning Prayer is that it retains a thread of continuity through the weeks, while each musical setting gives it a significantly different nuance, allowing it to reflect Marquand's ecumenical ethos by drawing out the elements of many traditions over the course of the year.

Thursday: Ministry and Service

Many of the students, staff and faculty at YDS have some involvement in ministry or community service, some of which are directly connected to YDS. The Supervised Ministry program, YCCE, and other Yale groups help many of us to find a place in local service. Today in Marquand we will contemplate our many opportunities for service, dedicate our work to God, and pray for God's blessing. Our preacher is Rev Kyle Pedersen, local minister and Supervised Ministry Practicum Leader.

Friday: Community Eucharist based on St Gregory of Nyssa Service



"I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds."
Psalm 26

This Friday, we will celebrate God's presence in our lives in an ecumenical service of Eucharist (Holy Communion). We have an "open table" in Marquand Chapel; all who wish to meet with God are welcome to receive bread and wine

or juice, or a blessing.

Our service this week is based on a liturgy developed by St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, where liturgists and community together explored ways in which the whole community could celebrate communion and explore the scriptures together. Moving away from the traditional idea

of everything being led from the front, the homiletic is begun by one voice, and then opened up to the community, the prayers are the prayers of many voices, and the idea of the whole body participating is further enhanced by simple movements around the Chapel with steps that are not-quite-walking, not-quite-dancing. (We have adapted the original service to our ecumenical setting. You do not need to prepare anything for this service, and do not let the idea of dance steps put you off – everything in the service is optional, and if you do not want to do the step-dance, you can remain seated or simply move in your own way around the Chapel.)

This service sparks many theological ideas about the body. One is the idea of perichoresis (which comes from the same root word as choreography), which has classically referred to the interior movement or co-inherence of the Godhead, but is also used by recent theologians such as von Balthasar and de Lubac to explore the dynamic interplay between God and humanity. Another idea that is opened up in the service, with the engagement of many voices in homiletic activity, is that the whole body of Christ reads, listens, and celebrates together, as *Lectio Divina* stands side by side with exegetical or inspirational preaching. There are many more ideas in play too – but come and take part, and, in the spirit of the St Gregory of Nyssa service, we can discover as a community what meanings open up to us.

Participation in Chapel

Thank you to everyone who took part in our opening services last week – readers, reflectors, players, singers, and all those who participated not with a public leading role, but through your active presence in worship. We are always acutely aware of the sense of community presence in Chapel, and whether you speak or sing or play in public, or take up a less visible place, your contribution is felt. If you would like to take a speaking role in prayers or readings, and haven't yet let us know, please do so by signing up on the sheets outside Chapel.

Marquand Gospel & Inspirational Ensemble (formerly known as Marquand Gospel Choir)

This music ensemble, directed by Mark Miller, will begin on Monday evening, September 9th, and sing and play at the service on Tuesday Sept 10th. If you are interested in signing up, and have not yet done so, please consult with Brett Terry. The new name was chosen in response to last semester's survey. We have been aware for some time that the Choir's old name had become something of a misnomer, in that the repertoire certainly includes Gospel, but not exclusively so. We brainstormed a new name, and the final choice - coined, appropriately, by Mark Miller himself - reflects the breadth of the group's range of style and repertoire.

A note from the Dean of Chapel: Student preachers

As you are probably aware, the list of people we invite to preach in Marquand includes staff, faculty, visiting preachers, and a number of senior (graduating) students each year. **If you are graduating in the summer of 2014, and would like an opportunity either to preach or to offer a shared reflection or dialogue in Marquand during this academic year, please send an email to maggi.dawn@yale.edu. This invitation is open to anyone on the Quad, whatever kind of degree you are taking (MAR, STM, MDiv, etc.).** We will also be sending a DaleMail about this. Depending on how many volunteer to preach, we may not be able to include everyone within the Marquand morning services. However, we are also discussing one or two other options for extending the possible spaces for student preaching, which will be announced shortly. Watch this space! *Maggi Dawn*

The Marquand Chapel Team, 2013-14

Maggi Dawn	<i>Dean of Chapel</i>	Katie McNeal, Porsha Williams,
Brett Terry	<i>Interim Director of Chapel Music</i>	Joe Brewer, Randall Spaulding <i>Chapel Ministers</i>
Christa Swenson	<i>Liturgical Coordinator</i>	Knox Sutterfield <i>Chapel Choir Director</i>
Mark Miller	<i>Marquand Gospel & Inspirational Ensemble Director</i>	To be announced: <i>Organ Scholars</i>