

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

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

Monday, January 26th Covenant Renewal Service – Lucas McConnell, preaching

You may have already begun to second-guess your New Year's resolution—just in time to remember and renew that which is at the heart of Christian devotion: we are not our own but God's. The early Methodists knew this and practiced a service of covenant renewal yearly, centered on a Covenant Prayer. Lucas McConnell will preach and we will be led in prayer to renew our covenant with God.

Tuesday, January 27th Contemporary Worship

A service of warmth and reassurance - familiar music, readings, and prayers to sustain us as the semester gets underway. With visiting song leader Abigail Zsiga.

Tuesday, January 27th, 6:00-7:15 pm

The Marquand Chapel team is glad to host a special evening service. Led by Professor Bryan Spinks and ISM Alum Gabriel Aydin, and assisted by members of Marquand Chapel Choir, this liturgy drawn from the Syrian Orthodox tradition will be a musical feast, as well as a unique liturgical experience.

Wednesday, January 28th Service of the Word w/ Prof. Thomas Troeger

Our beloved Thomas Troeger, the J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor of Christian Communication, will bless us with an Epiphany sermon. The inimitable Professor Troeger's homiletic panache has been uplifting spirits at YDS for many years. Since he is retiring in May, this will be one of our last opportunities to have our hearts and minds opened in worship by Tom's expansive imagination.

Thursday, January 29th Sung Morning Prayer

"Songs of the Americas" - our cycle of Sung Morning Prayer with music drawn from all over North and South America.

Friday, January 30th Community Eucharist

This service will be in the style of the Eucharistic liturgy of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. Dance, song, and praise will frame our exploration of books and their stories. Micah Luce, leading a community homiletic. Christa Swenson, presiding.

The Marquand Chapel Team, 2014-15

<i>Faculty, staff and visiting musicians</i>		<i>Student team members</i>	
Maggi Dawn	<i>Dean of Chapel</i>	Emilie Casey, Mark Koyama, Adam Perez, Joshua Rio-Ross, Victoria Larson	<i>Chapel Ministers</i>
Sara O'Bryan	<i>Interim Director of Chapel Music</i>	Wesley Hall, Patrick Kreeger Jacob Street	<i>Organ Scholars</i>
Christa Swenson	<i>Liturgical Coordinator</i>	Jeremiah Wright-Haynes	<i>Chapel musician</i>
Mark Miller	<i>Marquand Gospel & Inspirational Ensemble Director</i>	Christian Crocker, Sarah Paquet	<i>Chapel Choir Directors</i>
Marcus Johnson, Calvin Sellars, Abigail Zsiga, Tobey Drums, Andrew Zsigmond	<i>Visiting Chapel Musicians</i>	Joshua Sullivan Kenyon Adams	<i>Student minister for visual arts</i> <i>Student minister for performance arts</i>

Tuesday, January 27th, 6:00pm

Please join us this coming Tuesday evening, January 27th at 6:00pm in Marquand Chapel for a special evening service rooted in Syriac Orthodox liturgy, led by Professor Bryan Spinks and YDS alum Gabriel Aydin. This service is one of the most ancient traditions of Christian worship distinguished by the antiquity, beauty and rich symbolism of its prayers and rituals. Central to worship is the celebration of the Divine Eucharist known in Syriac as *Qurbono* (or offering). The liturgy is characterized by a sense of awe and wonder before the Divine Mysteries and a profound sense of penitent humility in the presence of the holiness of God. Tuesday's Holy *Qurbono* is an abbreviated adaptation of a traditional three-hour liturgy, sung in both English and Syriac, a dialect of Aramaic.

Friday, January 30th, 2015

Our Friday Eucharist follows a pattern of worship celebrated by St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, CA. Its liturgy is characterized by the incorporation of procession and of congregational dance, and the inclusion of the congregation in the homiletic.

The congregation's namesake, St. Gregory of Nyssa, lived from 335 to around 395. One of the Cappadocian Fathers, he is remembered for his strong Trinitarian theology, evident throughout his participation in the Council of Constantinople in 381. Gregory also promulgated the idea of universal salvation, the limitless and essential nature of God's goodness, and the apophatic nature of humankind's knowledge of God. Gregory was also one of the first early Christian voices to condemn the institution of slavery, writing in his *Homilies on Ecclesiastes*: "How [much money] did you reckon the equivalent of the likeness of God? How many [coins] did you get for selling that being shaped by God? ...[I]f God does not enslave what is free, who is he that sets his own power above God's?"