

MARQUAND READER

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BEFORE THE FALL ORIENTATION 2014

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

Tuesday: A service of welcome

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Maggi Dawn, Dean of Chapel

What does a new YDS student have in common with four young people who were taken into exile in the ancient world, more than two and a half thousand years ago? Come along and find out – and for joyful, heartwarming song and prayers as we begin this week together.

Wednesday: Journeys into God

Walk through a garden, a labyrinth, and a desert; stop to sing or write or pray, walk together or alone. This service of journeys is a chance to reconnect body and soul.

NOTE: If the weather is fine, this service will take place in the gardens between the main YDS buildings and the Canner Street apartments. If it is raining, we will be in Marquand Chapel.

Thursday: Sung Morning Prayer

It is a long tradition at Marquand that one service each week is almost entirely sung. We draw music and lyrics from many cultures and denominations, so that as the year rolls on we make ourselves aware of a global church through our sung worship. Today, come and join us for a service of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Friday: Community Eucharist (Holy Communion)

Every Friday in Marquand we gather to break bread. You may be used to calling this the Mass, a Eucharist, Holy Communion or the Lord's Table, and the features of many ways of celebrating will occur during the year. All our services are broadly ecumenical, and we practice an open table: if you love God, and want to meet God in Christ through receiving the bread and wine, you are welcome to do so here. This week, in addition to songs, prayers and scripture readings, our service will include a reflection on what it means to be a community, and the Eucharistic prayer focuses on the idea of anamnesis – “not-forgetting”.

The Marquand Chapel Team, 2014-15

Maggi Dawn	<i>Dean of Chapel</i>	Emilie Casey, Adam Perez, Josh Rio-Ross,	
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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO MARQUAND

When are the services?

There is a service in Marquand on every day that classes are in session, including make-up days. If there are classes going on, there will be Chapel at 10.30. If there are no classes (e.g. on Labor Day, or during Reading Days) there will not be a Chapel service that day.

Where do I get more information?

The Marquand Reader is issued on every week that classes are in session. It includes notes on the services for the upcoming week, and a short article on some matter of interest for those who are attending. You can also find information on the ISM website, and a section in the Student Handbook.

How can I join in?

Mostly by being there! The most important thing you can do to get involved is to come as often as you can. There are also opportunities for singers and musicians to take part, for readers and prayer-leaders, and all manner of other roles both in public worship and behind the scenes. There are sign-up forms in Chapel for all kinds of volunteering.

What does a typical week look like?

There are no classes or meetings at YDS during the hour from 10.30-11.30. Worship begins every weekday at 10.30 am, and is followed by coffee hour in the Common Room.

- On **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**, there will be services of Word and prayer, preaching services, and various creative forms of worship.
- Every **Thursday** is “Sung Morning Prayer”, in which almost the entire service is set to music. A number of Christian traditions have completely sung worship; Marquand’s version is unique in that it is not tied to any one tradition.
- On **Fridays** our service lasts a little longer - from 10.30-11.15, and is a Eucharist, Holy Communion or Lord’s Supper, sometimes celebrated in the tradition of a specific denomination, and other weeks with an ecumenical setting. From time to time we build a week’s worship around a theme, often to coincide with a national, international or local community event.

What else do I need to know?

You can join us on most Wednesday Lunchtimes for groups that reflect on Marquand worship. Once a fortnight, **Pray, Tell** is an group for those who want to talk with others about how Marquand is affecting your own thinking about worship. On the intervening Wednesdays, **Feedback and suggestions** is an opportunity to share insight and reflection on how we continue to shape the worship in Marquand.