

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

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

Monday, April 4: *Let Justice Roll: Remembering Dr. King*, the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, preaching, with special music by Mark Miller, the Gospel and Marquand Choirs, and guest musicians

Tuesday, April 5: *Praising God for Faithfulness*, led by Yale Black Seminarians, Prof. Yolanda Smith preaching

Wednesday, April 6: *Sung Morning Prayer*, a Lenten setting with homily by graduating student Rachel Heath

Thursday, April 7: *A Service of the Word*, Prof. Carolyn Sharp preaching. Welcome to all attending the Admitted Students' Open House today!

Friday, April 8: *Community Eucharist*, in the manner of St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco, Prof. Patrick Evans preaching, Rev. Adele Crawford presiding

Remembering Dr. King ~ Welcoming Dr. Forbes

On Monday in Marquand we will commemorate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated on April 4, 1968. As part of our gathering, we will welcome guest preacher the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, and hear Mark Miller's work, *Let Justice Roll*.

The Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr. is President and Founder of the *Healing of the Nations Foundation* of New York and Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York City. Dr. Forbes completed his leadership of this historic multi-cultural church after 18 years of service, to begin a national and global ministry for spiritual renewal and holistic health. Forbes, the recent host of "The Time is Now" on Air America Radio, was the fifth Senior Minister of the Riverside Church and was the first African-American to serve in this post. In national and international religious circles, Dr. Forbes is known as the preacher's preacher because of his extensive preaching career and his charismatic style. Newsweek recognized Dr. Forbes as one of the 12 "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world, and he was cited as one of America's greatest Black preachers by Ebony magazine.



Dr. Forbes won the Alumni Charter Day Award of Howard University for Distinguished Post Graduate Achievement in Ministry. Dr. Forbes has earned three degrees and has been awarded 13 honorary degrees. A well-known preacher and lecturer in the United States and abroad, he has led numerous workshops, retreats, and conferences for the National Council of Churches of Christ USA, the National Association of Campus Ministry, the American Baptist Churches, the

United Church of Christ, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 2003, Dr. Forbes was featured on Bill Moyers' "Speaking to Power" where he shared his prophetic principles, which have become part of the Mobilization 2004 initiative at The Riverside Church. Also in 2004, Dr. Forbes keynoted most of the "Let Justice Roll" tour sponsored by the National Council of Churches of Christ which promoted the prophetic principles in 15-20 cities across the nation. In August 2004, Dr. Forbes addressed the Democratic National Convention.

Let Justice Roll

text by Martin Luther King, Jr., music by M. Miller

In 2000, The Riverside Church of New York City had its first musical concert to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Helen Cha-Pyo, the Associate Director of Music, commissioned Mark Miller, then Music Associate and Assistant Organist at The Riverside Church, to write a piece that could gather all the church's choirs together and with the mighty organ, brass ensemble, and timpani, end the concert on a real 'high note'. This composition uses excerpts from the text of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *Letter from the Birmingham City Jail*, one of King's most powerful pieces, as its driving inspiration. *Let Justice Roll* is dedicated to Dr. Forbes, who has continued in the legacy of Dr. King as a preacher, pastor, and prophet to a new generation of faith-based social justice seekers. Dr. King quotes Amos 5:24: "Let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever flowing stream!" Please join us in worship on Monday as we remember the life and legacy of Dr. King.

All are Welcomers



At the beginning of the year, a special emphasis is often made to welcome new people into the worshipping community of Marquand Chapel. But like any worshipping community, the landscape of faces in Marquand is constantly changing at all times of the year. Friends, guests, visitors, prospective students, family members, and colleagues join those who attend worship regularly, while others who regularly attend move away from this community for various

reasons; yet it is this experience of first being *welcomed* which empowers us all to be *welcomers* to others as they join us in our worshipping communities.

This Thursday, nearly 90 visitors will join us for worship on Admitted Students' Open House Day, many of whom may return next Fall to be a part of the YDS community! Offer a greeting, a seat, directions to the restrooms or elevator, answers to questions about YDS and Marquand, or a simple smile.

Liturgy from St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco

--by Prof. Patrick Evans (as appeared in *The Marquand Reader* in October 2008)

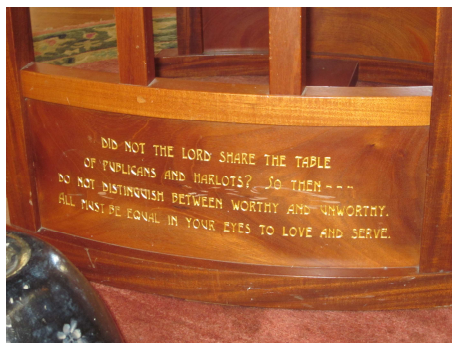
We will celebrate Community Eucharist on Friday, April 8, using a liturgy adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, as we have done several times in previous years. For those who have yet to experience a Nyssa Eucharist, you can look forward to a rich, fun liturgical experience which includes dancing around the table!

Gregory, bishop of Nyssa, is one of the so-named Cappadocian Fathers along with his brother Basil of Caesarea and his friend Gregory Nazianzus. The three theologians were instrumental in constructing



The Altar in the rotunda at St. Gregory's, surrounded by the dancing saints.

Trinitarian and Christological doctrine of the early church councils against Arianism. Gregory of Nyssa, like the other Cappadocians, were influenced by a revived interest in classical Greek philosophy, science, and literature, reflected both in their style of writing and in their use of Platonic and Aristotelian ideas; Gregory's writings were not as well-known in the Western church as they were in the East, but remain among the most influential early writings on apophatic theology, mysticism, spiritual progression and the ability and obligation of each to discover God's action in human life. He writes: "the one thing truly worthwhile is becoming God's friend."



Inscription on the Altar at St Gregory's

St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco draws heavily on Gregory's optimism toward human creativity and agency, discovery, and spiritual progress, in developing a worship life which values ancient traditions, interaction, shared experience, inclusivity, and ongoing engagement with theological scholarship, dance, music and visual arts. For more information on St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, visit their website at www.saintgregorys.org.

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