

MARQUAND READER

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A newsletter furthering the educational mission of Ecumenical Daily Worship at YDS.

THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

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

Monday, November 1: *All Saints' Day*, led by Roman Catholic Fellowship, graduating student Terry Archambeault preaching

Tuesday, November 2: *Visiting Students' Day*, Prof. Nora Tubbs Tisdale preaching

Wednesday, November 3: *Sung Morning Prayer: Beyond All Praising*

Thursday, November 4: *Women in the Word & World*, Prof. Carolyn Sharp preaching

Friday, October November 5: *Community Eucharist*, Rev. John Gage preaching and presiding

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

By Rebecca Krier

Since the eleventh century, the Roman Catholic Church has set aside a specific day in its liturgical calendar to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Some churches of the Anglican Communion also observe the day, as do some Lutherans. Eastern Orthodox churches observe several throughout their calendar. The 2010 commemoration in the Roman Catholic calendar is November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls.

During the month of November, Catholic communities remember friends and family members who have died. Pictures and names are often displayed in the church, and Masses are said for the community's dead. It is our Christian prayer that they are now enjoying the fullness of Christ's words: "You, who are blessed by my Father, come. Come and receive the Kingdom which has been prepared for you even since the creation of the world."

The purpose of All Souls is to commemorate the faithful departed through prayer: praying for them to be fully sanctified and attain beatific vision. The feast immediately follows the Feast of All Saints, whose souls have already attained beatific vision and intercede for us.

On Monday, November 1st, the Roman Catholic Fellowship will sponsor a service for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, when we celebrate the communion of saints in heaven and pray for the souls of our dearly departed. Because All Saints and All Souls are closely related liturgically and theologically, our service intends to incorporate elements of both feasts. We will recite a traditional Litany of the Saints followed by prayerful time for the community to recognize all Christian witnesses and pray for our deceased loved ones. We hope you will join us in worship on November 1st.

Women In the Word & World

By Christa Swenson

In October women from many graduating classes gathered at YDS to continue a yearlong celebration of 10 decades of women at YDS. YDS graduated its first women in 1930 and since that time has graduated countless remarkable women of faith. There have been events throughout the year to celebrate gifts and work of all the women who have graduated since then. Marquand Chapel is joining the Alumni Office in celebrating this historic event with a series of worship services throughout the academic year celebrating the life and ministry of women in the bible and women in the world.

We are in the process of creating this series of worship services that enlivens the gospel message through the lives of particular female servants of God. The series is not limited to the lives and stories of biblical characters but rather the life and work and ministries of women in the world throughout history and in our current life.

In our daily work in the chapel we lean on the daily lectionary published by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT) to guide our worship life in Marquand. Though the daily lectionary is often inclusive of the role of women in the biblical story, we don't always hear these stories because a preacher chooses another text or we are led on a particular day by a preacher or group who comes from a tradition that does not follow the lectionary. This is one way we will intentionally invite the voices and stories of women into chapel, harvesting their stories from scripture and history.

This month you can look forward to hearing from Professor Carolyn Sharp who will lead off the series with a service focusing on the Biblical character Sarah. Later in the month Professor Janet Ruffing will lead us in a service celebrating the life of Gertrude the Great.

From Eve, the mother of all living, through the tears of Esther, through an angel to Mary, through Mary and Martha at their brother's death, through the women who came to the tomb, through Priscilla during the time of Pentecost, through women in the church today, God's word is kept alive. From sermons preached to lessons taught, from emails sent to text messages received, from inscriptions on papyrus to internet blogs, the message is still being sent and received by women. We rejoice in and celebrate God's message to women, along with the way women continue to keep God's word alive.

The Marquand Reader is edited by the chapel staff and issued every Monday when classes are in session. It highlights the week's services and other special opportunities and events. Additional articles by the Chapel Staff and the faculty in Liturgical Studies will explore historical, liturgical, and denominational topics, in order to further the educational goals of Marquand Chapel. Contact one of the chapel staff if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

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