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The Thirteenth of May
Two Thousand and Sixteen at Eight O'Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

CARILLON CONCERT AND
CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Quarter Past Seven in the Evening
David Son, Professor of Chemistry
Fondren Science Tower

PRELUDIAL CONCERT

Imperial Brass

PROCESSIONAL *

Imperial Brass

WORDS OF WELCOME

R. Gerald Turner
President of the University

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen W. Rankin
Chaplain and Minister to the University

PSALM 145: SELECTED VERSES

I will extol you, O my God and King

And I will bless your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

And His greatness is unsearchable.

Generation after generation praises your works

And proclaims your might.

Let all your works give you thanks O Lord

And let your faithful ones bless you.

The Lord is faithful in all his words

And holy in all his works.

You open your hand

And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord

And may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Rankin

*The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.

HYMN TO JOY

“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”

Imperial Brass

Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
where Your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
till they join as one returning, praise and thanks to You, their Source.

PRAYER FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

Judith H. Henneberger
Associate Chaplain and
Minister to the University

LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT)

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Leave Your Mark

Rev. Paul Rasmussen ’04
Senior Minister
Highland Park United Methodist Church

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

D'Marquis Earl Allen
Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Creative Computation

Holy God, You have called us to be diligent teachers and eager learners in all that we do, both in this community and in Your larger world. Now send us forth into that world as Your willing servants.

Give us the strength lightly to bear our joys and sorrows.

Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service.

Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our knees before insolent might.

Give us the strength to raise our minds high above earthly trifles.

And give us the strength to surrender our strength to Your will with love. Amen.

Adapted from Hindu Poem

HYMN

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

Imperial Brass

Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my words Thy presence find,
and prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine in most substance see,
and labor on at Thy command,
and offer all my works to Thee.

For Thee delightfully employ
whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with Thee to heaven.

THE BLESSINGS AND RESPONSE

Chaplain Rankin

The time has come to go forth.

Senior Class: **We go in thanksgiving for all we have learned.**

This is a bittersweet moment.

Senior Class: **We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship, even as we bid farewell.**

This is a moment of anticipation.

Senior Class: **We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace all that awaits us.**

Go now in peace and hope, and may blessing accompany you always. Amen.

Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which will follow immediately.

THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL

One of the University's most symbolic traditions is Rotunda Passage, which includes both a processional and a recessional. Many of tonight's candidates for graduation began their lives at SMU by processing through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation in this auditorium, symbolizing their entrance to SMU. Tonight, all candidates will recess through the Rotunda as a symbolic departure from campus and out into their future as the newest members of the SMU alumni family. Alumni who are parents of graduating seniors are serving as marshals for tonight's recessional. They will help line the path between McFarlin Memorial Auditorium and Dallas Hall for the recessional participants.

REMARKS

Carlton A. Adams
Student Body President, Class of 2016

Following remarks, the president of the Student Body passes the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2017, represented by Blake Rainey, incoming president of the Student Body.

Peter A. Lodwick '77, '80
Chair of the SMU Alumni Board



CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Thomas B. Fomby
Chief Marshal

ALMA MATER

“Varsity”
Imperial Brass
Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Oh we see the Varsity,
Varsity, Varsity,
As she towers o’er the hill
Over there.
And our hearts are filled with joy,
SMU, SMU,
Alma Mater, we’ll be true
Forever!

Following “Varsity,” all candidates will remain standing. As soon as the platform party is organized in a central aisle, ushers will help guests assemble on both sides of the walk to Dallas Hall. As guests fill the walkways, the platform party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals will organize the candidates’ march.

THE RECESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

PAUL RASMUSSEN

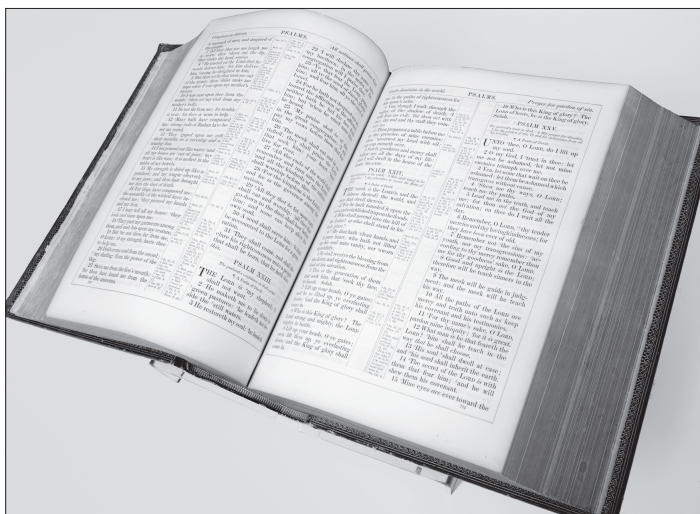
The Rev. Paul Rasmussen is senior minister of Highland Park United Methodist Church, which was founded on the SMU campus 100 years ago. Before becoming a minister, he had a career in athletics. A native of Shreveport, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from Centenary College and a master's degree in sports management from the University of Richmond. He returned to Centenary in 1992 to serve as an assistant men's basketball coach for five years. During his tenure, Centenary graduated 100 percent of its men's basketball players. In 1997 he moved to Dallas to pursue a career in sports marketing as the national sales director for SportsCare USA, Inc.

A fourth generation United Methodist minister, the Rev. Rasmussen started on his path to ministry in 2000, when he began an internship at Highland Park United Methodist Church while studying at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Perkins School in 2004. He started preaching at Cornerstone, the contemporary worship service of HPUMC, in 2001. Under his leadership, Cornerstone expanded to include one service on Saturday night and two services on Sunday morning, with a combined weekly attendance of 2,000. He played a key role in the HPUMC capital campaign to expand the Church's contemporary worship and youth ministry and also led a project to renovate and restore the satellite Munger Place Church campus in East Dallas. The Rev. Rasmussen became senior minister of Highland Park United Methodist Church in 2013.

THE SMU MCKENZIE BIBLE

The McKenzie Bible was printed in 1856 and once was the property of J.W.P. McKenzie, a pioneer in Methodist education in Texas. It was used continually by McKenzie, who established McKenzie College at Clarksville, once the largest institution of higher learning in Texas. This historic Bible was presented to SMU in 1916 by Mrs. Milton Ragsdale of Dallas, a niece of McKenzie.

The McKenzie Bible was first used at SMU's 1916 Commencement Convocation, and the University is proud to use it at tonight's Baccalaureate Service.



MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding: R. Gerald Turner, President of the University

Speaking: Paul Rasmussen '04, Senior Minister of Highland Park United Methodist Church

Liturgist: Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

Lector: Judith H. Henneberger, Associate Chaplain and Minister to the University

Reader: D'Marquis Earl Allen, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Creative Computation

Musicians: Imperial Brass

Meadows School of the Arts Vocal Performance Graduates:

Matthew James Anderson, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Music

Jordyn Elizabeth Beranek, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Arielle Nicole Collier '14, Candidate for degree of Performer's Diploma in Voice Performance

Shannon Kathleen Conboy, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance

Raul Alfredo Escalona, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Moretta Deshundra Irchirl, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance

Maya Alexis Jones, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music in Music Education

Charles Maina Karanja '13, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Jennie Christine Lee, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance and Bachelor of Arts in Italian Area Studies

Edward Myles Pinder, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal

Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal

Brian W. Stump, Platform Marshal

BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

Nathan Balke

Jing Cao

Olga Lopez Valero Colbert

David Sedman

Pia D. Vogel

John G. Wise

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