



NINETIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY EVENING
THE NINETEENTH OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Lorn L. Howard, Professor *Emeritus* of Electrical Engineering
Fondren Science Tower, 7:30 p.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

“Little” Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

President R. Gerald Turner

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Chaplain William M. Finnin, Jr.

Isaiah 43:1b-2, 5-7

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you. ...

Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold;

bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the end of the Earth,

every one who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Finnin

HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Hymn to Joy

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind.

With a passion for discerning how the work 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE Professor Alyce McKenzie

THE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything an appointed time, and everywhere a time for every matter. A time for birthing and a time for dying; a time for planting and a time for uprooting what is planted; a time for destroying and a time for healing; a time for breaking down and a time for building up; a time for weeping and a time for laughing; a time of mourning and a time of dancing; a time for throwing stones and a time of gathering stones; a time for embracing and a time for keeping distant; a time for searching and a time for abandoning the search; a time for saving and a time for discarding; a time for shredding into pieces and a time for sewing together; a time for being silent and a time for speaking; a time for loving and a time for hating; a time for war and a time for peace. What profit for the worker from that which is toil? I have seen the task which God has given to preoccupy the people. He has made everything appropriate for its time, yet he also has put eternity into their hearts, so that people will not detect the work that God has done from the beginning to the end. I acknowledge that [*there is*] nothing good among them, except to rejoice and to do good in their lives. Moreover, all people should eat and drink and see good in their toil – it [*is*] a gift of God.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON The Reverend Robert Van Kemper
"It's All God's Time"

(Moments of Silence)

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING Chaplain Finnin

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.**

Hindu Prayer

HYMN

God of the Ages

National Hymn

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

THE BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Chaplain Finnin

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 blessings 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 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 Auditorium and Dallas Hall for the recessional participants.

REMARKS

Katy Blakey
President of the Class of 2006

Following her remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to a representative of the Class of 2007.

Marcus P. Malonson
Alumni Board Chair

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Bradley Kent Carter
Chief Marshal

VARSITY

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 stage party is organized in a central aisle, ushers will help guests assemble on both sides of the diagonal walk to Dallas Hall. As this is being accomplished, the stage party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals will organize the candidates' march.

THE RECESSIONAL

Suite from Danserye

Tielman Susato

Following the Rotunda Recessional, please join us for a reception in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center hosted by President and Mrs. Turner and the Office of Alumni Relations.

ROBERT VAN KEMPER

The Reverend Dr. Robert Van Kemper is an SMU faculty member and ordained minister. After receiving the Master of Divinity degree *summa cum laude* at SMU's Perkins School of Theology in 1999, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He currently serves as parish associate for community ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Dr. Kemper has served on the Presbyterian Task Force on Urban Ministry, Leadership Team of the Presbyterian Association for Community Transformation, and National Planning Committees for the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education. Locally, he has served on executive boards of the Good Shepherd Community Center and Oasis Housing Corporation and currently serves on the Demographics and Planning Committee of Grace Presbytery.

Dr. Kemper also is chair of the Department of Anthropology in Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences at SMU, where he has been a faculty member since 1972. During 2005-06, he served as president of the Faculty Senate and *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Kemper earned his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley and has served as president of the Society for Latin American Anthropology and Society for Urban Anthropology. He has written numerous books and articles and served as editor of major journals. He is a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, recipient of two Fulbright Awards, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Anthropological Association, and Society for Applied Anthropology.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:	Dr. R. Gerald Turner President of the University
Preaching:	The Reverend Dr. Robert Van Kemper Professor of Anthropology, Dedman College
Liturgist:	The Reverend Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr. Chaplain and Minister to the University
Lector:	Dr. Alyce McKenzie Associate Professor of Homiletics, Perkins School of Theology
Musicians:	Meadows Brass Quintet Matthew Ernst Chris Moore Jason DeWater Shauna Satrom Chris Pineda
Precentors:	Dr. Jasper Neel Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University Ms. Valerie Ciann Vinzant Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance
Trumpets:	Meadows Trumpets