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The Fifteenth of May
Two Thousand and Fifteen at Eight O'Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Half 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

Esther 4:8-14

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Find Your Voice

The Rev. Dr. Maria Dixon Hall
Associate Professor of Communication Studies

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Kyle D. Cantrell

Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Science in Management Science and Mathematics

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

Monica Marie Finnegan
Student Body Vice President, Class of 2015

Following her remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2016, represented by Carlton Adams.

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

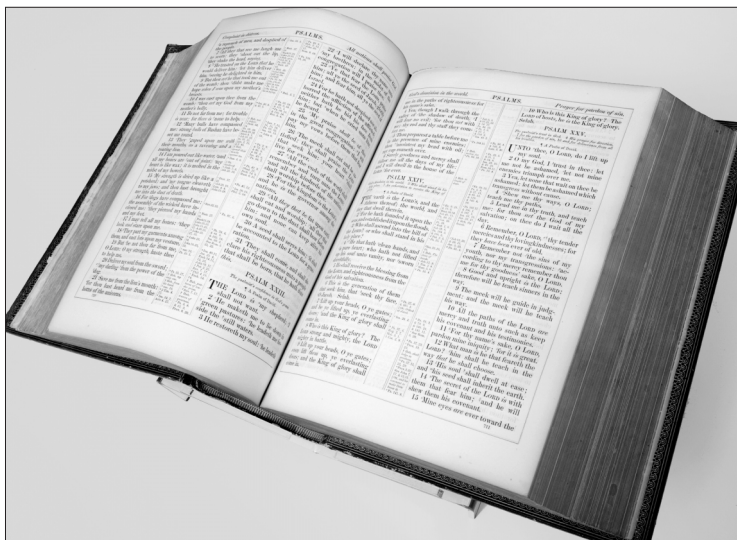
MARIA DIXON HALL

Maria Dixon Hall is an educator, communication scholar and church leader. A member of the SMU faculty since 2004, she is an associate professor and director of communication studies in Meadows School of the Arts. She holds a B.S. degree in marketing from the University of Alabama, two master's degrees from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a Ph.D. in organizational communication and religion from the University of Missouri. At SMU she is the founder and director of Mustang Consulting, an in-house consulting agency staffed by outstanding students in communication studies. The agency serves a global clientele, including Southwest Airlines, Dance Theatre of Harlem and The Ugandan American Partnership Organization. Dixon's research and professional consulting focuses on strategic communication for nonprofit, corporate and religious organizations. Her articles have appeared in major journals, and she contributes regularly to the *United Methodist Reporter* and The Religious News Service. She currently serves as marketing chair for The United Methodist Church's General Commission on Communication, overseeing the global Rethink Church campaign. At SMU Dixon has been honored with the Willis M. Tate Award from the Students' Association, the Golden Mustang Award, the Rotunda Outstanding Teaching Award and the "M" Award, SMU's most prestigious honor.

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: Maria Dixon Hall, Associate Professor of Communication Studies

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

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

Reader: Kyle D. Cantrell, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Science in Management Science and Mathematics

Musicians: Imperial Brass

Meadows School of the Arts Vocal Performance Graduates:

Quintin Christopher Coleman, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Laura Elizabeth Gastinel, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Jordan Ellington Hammons, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Jin Young Kwon, Candidate for degree of Performer's Diploma in Voice Performance

Kristen Lee Meyers, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Benjamin Neal Roberts, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

Courtney Anne Stancil, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice Performance

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal

Wayne A. Woodward, Procession Marshal

Thomas Osang, Platform Marshal

BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

Nathan Balke

Olga Lopez Valero Colbert

Ruben L. F. Habito

Peter-J.E. Noble

David Sedman

John G. Wise

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