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Quarter Past Seven in the Evening
David Y. Son, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

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

WORDS OF WELCOME
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PSALM 145: SELECTED VERSES
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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 God’s blessing accompany you always. Amen.
Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which follows immediately.

THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL
One of the University’s most symbolic traditions is Rotunda Passage, which
includes both a procession 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
David W. Shizrad ’18
Student Body President

Following remarks, the president of the Student Body passes the lantern
that signifies continuity to the Class of 2019, represented by Nathaniel Avraham DeVera.

Douglas C. Smellage ’77
Chair of the SMU Alumni Board

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL
Thomas B. Tomby
Chief Marshal

ALMA MATER
“Varsity”
Imperial Brass
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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
sweep away the walkway to Dallas Hall. As guests fill the
walkway, the platform party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals
will organize the candidates’ march.

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Prayer for the Illumination of Scripture

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.

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

Invocation

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

May our strength to surrender our strength to Your will

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

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

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

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