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As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow  
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.  
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where Your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
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PRAYER FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE
Proverbs 8:1-11

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
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THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON
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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
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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 a Hindu Poem

HYMN
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”
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 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 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**

Nathaniel Avraham De Vera ’19
Student Body President

Following remarks, the president of the Student Body passes the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2020, represented by Darian D. Taylor:

**George W. Killebrew IV ’85**
Chair-elect of the SMU Alumni Board

**CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL**

Thomas B. Fomby
Chief Marshal

**ALMA MATER**

“Varsity”
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.

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GUILD OF MARSHALS

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Karen Baker-Fletcher, Platform Marshal

BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

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