

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

*The Nineteenth of May
Two Thousand and Seventeen
Eight O'Clock
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

CARILLON CONCERT

Quarter Past Seven in the Evening
John Wheeler, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

PRELUDIAL CONCERT

Imperial Brass

PROCESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

R. Gerald Turner
President of the University

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen W. Rankin
Chaplain and Minister to the University
and Dean of Student Life *ad interim*

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

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
Luke 14:12-14

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON
On Throwing Parties

Rev. Larry James
Chief Executive Officer
CitySquare

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

OF THANKSGIVING Hope Elise Anderson
Candidate for Degrees of Bachelor of Arts in
History and Human Rights and
Bachelor of Science in Sociology

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 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 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

Blake Alan Rainey '17
Student Body President

Following remarks, the president of the Student Body passes the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2018, represented by Arthur William Troy.

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

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Thomas B. Fomby
Chief Marshal



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

LARRY JAMES

The Rev. Larry James is chief executive officer of CitySquare, in Dallas, and also holds an appointment to the clergy staff at Highland Park United Methodist Church. CitySquare fights the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy and friendship and is among the largest, most effective social services organizations in Texas. Among the Dallas faith, business and media communities Rev. James is known as a social entrepreneur and committed servant to the people of East and South Dallas. At Highland Park United Methodist Church, Rev. James shares his knowledge and experience about the issues of poverty to help the church further its resources for serving those in need.

Prior to CitySquare, Rev. James served 14 years as senior minister with the Richardson East Church of Christ. A native of Richardson, he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Harding University, and master’s degrees at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Tulane University. His book, *The Wealth of the Poor*, was published in 2013. In 1998, he served as executive director of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches.

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: Larry James, Chief Executive Officer of CitySquare

Liturgist: Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University
and Dean of Student Life *ad interim*

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

Reader: Hope Elise Anderson, Candidate for degrees of Bachelor of Arts
in History and Human Rights and Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Musicians: Imperial Brass

Meadows School of the Arts Vocal Performance Graduates:

Alyssa McQuinn Barnes, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in
Voice Performance

Regina Joi Branford, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in Voice
Performance

Quintin Christopher Coleman, Candidate for degree of Performer's
Diploma in Voice Performance

Jordan Ellington Hammons, Candidate for degree of Performer's
Diploma in Voice Performance

Ndumiso Thulasizwe Nyoka, Candidate for degree of Performer's
Diploma in Voice Performance

Ashley Breyone Seldon, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in
Voice Performance

Artega Dwayne Wright, Candidate for degree of Master of Music in
Voice Performance

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal

Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal *emeritus*

Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal

Jill DeTemple, Platform Marshal

BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

Nathan S. Balke

Jing Cao

Olga Lopez Valero Colbert

Mark E. Fontenot

Robert L. Harrod

David Sedman

*For more information about tomorrow's Commencement activities,
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