

THE NINETY-SEVENTH
BACCALAUREATE
of the
DIVINITY SCHOOL



DUKE UNIVERSITY

6:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023
DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

Please Note:

Photography by guests is permitted from your seats but only during the Opening and Closing Processions, and the Rite of Investiture (hooding ceremony). A photograph of each graduate will be taken by a professional photographer during the Rite of Investiture and will be available later to purchase online.

Please remember to silence all cell phones and paging devices.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the attendant's desk at the entry of Duke Chapel.

Out of respect for all graduating students, we ask that you hold your applause and joyful congratulations until every graduate has been hooded. We will share a time of community celebration at the end of the Rite of Investiture.

You are invited to a reception honoring the graduates and their families in Zweli's Café and adjacent Bovender Terrace of the Westbrook Building immediately after the service.



Duke University Divinity School was established in 1926 as the first professional school to open its doors after the expansion of Trinity College into Duke University in 1924. The roots of the Divinity School, however, extend to the founding of Duke's predecessor institution in 1838, because of its strong commitment to education for the church's ministry and its relationship to the Methodist Church. The Divinity School is one of 13 graduate professional schools of theology of the United Methodist Church and is supported generously by the church's Ministerial Education Fund. There are now more than 6,500 graduates of the Divinity School in all avenues of Christian ministry around the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572 (“Pièce d’orgue”) J. S. Bach
Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657 (1685–1750)

Second Prelude Theophil Rusterholz
(1907–2001)

A Pleasant Thought Florence Price, arr. Tiffany Ng
(1887–1953)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS, arr. Mitchell Eithun

Benedictus Alec Rowley
(1892–1958)

Sonata No. 2 in C Minor Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace, IV. Fugue (1809–1847)

*Opening Procession

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY
words: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)
music: Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

The congregation rises as the procession reaches the door of the chapel and remains standing through the Call to Worship. An organ interlude will be played before the singing of the last stanza.

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion’s help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you,
forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 36:5–9)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: in your light we see light.

***Opening Prayer** (*prayer adapt. from Iona, in unison*)

God of power and presence,
you are the midwife in our lives,
always drawing us in to be born again,
encouraging, exhorting, calming,
containing even death.
You pull us, kicking, into life,
and breathe your spirit into us.
We thank you for the gift of our breath,
the learning we discover,
the love that we share,
the hope that we cherish,
the grace that encompasses our hardest days.
In smallness and in splendor, in storm and serenity,
you are with us, creating and crafting us to be your people,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture,
may your word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts,
may your word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives,
may your word be shown. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:5–11

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19–21

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: In response to God's grace, and trusting in God's mercy, let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who have been baptized into Christ and empowered by your Spirit may faithfully serve you and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Be present with all ministers of the Church, that by your grace, they may faithfully proclaim the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ, and live before the Church and the world a life that is befitting their high calling.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the world's leaders, that they may work for goodwill among nations and the well-being of all people.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Make your presence known to all those who are in need or trouble: those who are poor, sick, hungry, lonely, dying, abused, oppressed, or in prison. Help us to be ever aware of all those in our midst who share these needs or troubles, and enable us to be instruments of your reconciliation and love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Inspire those who seek you or desire a deeper knowledge of you, that by your grace, they may find you and be found by you.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We praise you for those in every generation who have honored Christ and nurtured others in the Christian life. By your grace, enable each of us to glorify and lift up Christ with diligence and faithfulness, to the end that you may draw all people to yourself.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious and merciful God, grant these and all our prayers for the sake of the one who lived and died and even rose victoriously over the grave, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

The Rite of Investiture

***Investiture Community Celebration**

Prayers of Response

Faculty and Staff: Almighty and loving God, we give thanks for the opportunity to share in the lives of these graduates, and for the unique gifts they have brought to us and now go to share with the world. May they go forth from this place assured of your presence, which provides them with wisdom, strength, and peace for the journey that lies ahead. Amen.

Graduating Students: O God, we came to this place as students, making a covenant with you and with one another. We sought to live as a Christian community and to nurture our lives in the Christian faith. We are grateful for the involvement of our minds and spirits in this community of discipline and love. We have encountered conflict and growth, struggle and fulfillment, and your love has sustained us. Now, we ask, prepare us to go into the world as others have gone before us, to be faithful as your people, effective in your service, and always committed to the mission of your Church in the world. Amen.

Family and Friends: With these graduates, Lord, we celebrate this time of conclusion and new beginnings, and praise you for the many ways you have been active in their lives. Grant us grace to provide the love and support they will need as they commit anew their lives to your service. Amen.

All: Use us, O God, for the good of one another, for the good of your creation, for the good of your Church, and for your glory. Make us instruments of your love, that in our daily living we may continually proclaim your amazing grace revealed to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Blessing and Dismissal

*Closing Procession

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning HYFRYDOL
words: sts. 1–3: Thomas H. Troeger, 1945–2022,
© 1987 Oxford University Press; st. 4: Brian T. Johnson
music: Rowland H. Prichard (1811–1887)

Praise the source of faith and learning that 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.

Now we stand beside the river, fount of knowledge and of grace,
hoping for a future meeting marked by peace in ev'ry place.
Give us courage, strength, conviction, with our prayers that now we raise
as the days stretch forth before us lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Postlude

** Please stand as you are able.*

LEADERS OF WORSHIP

- Presiding Minister..... EDGARDO COLÓN-EMERIC,
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*Dean of the Divinity School,
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*Associate Research Professor of the History of Christianity
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- CATHERINE WATSON, M.Div.
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- Organist CHAD FOTHERGILL
Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
- Carillonneur..... MITCHELL EITHUN (D '25)
Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel
- Crucifer.....MADISON DANIEL (D '24)
- Torchbearers SARAH LAPP (D '24)
ABBY MUEHLSTEIN (D '24)
- Bible Bearer MADELEINE PRESTON (D '25)
- Faculty Marshal CURTIS FREEMAN, M.Div., Ph.D.
*Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies,
Director of the Baptist House of Studies*

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+ Degree was conferred in September 2022

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^ Degree of Master of Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill also conferred

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Seminarian Award of the Fellowship of

United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts Victoria Marie Blount

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