

THE NINETY-EIGHTH
BACCALAUREATE
of the
DIVINITY SCHOOL



DUKE UNIVERSITY

6:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
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 immediately after the service. Refreshments will be available in Zewel's Café, and seating is available on the adjacent Bovender Terrace or lower level classrooms located in the Westbrook Building.



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

Carillon Prelude

Organ Prelude

L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen

I. Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (1908–1992)

IV. Prière du Christ montant vers son Père

*Opening Procession

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

words: Charles Wesley (1747)

music: Rowland H. Prichard (1830)

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.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe, thy loving Spirit, into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 46:1–7)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

Leader: though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the dawn of the day.

**People: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Opening Prayer** (*prayer adapted from Iona, in unison*)

**God of resurrection,
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, you have opened our hearts and minds to your word time and time again. We ask that you would do so once more, that as we gather in celebration, we would be met by your presence, held in the joy of your love, and transformed by your Word, Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Proverbs 3:1–10

Second Reading Philippians 4:4–7

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 any 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

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

words: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787

music: Early American melody

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Postlude

** Please stand as you are able.*

LEADERS OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister..... EDGARDO COLÓN-EMERIC,
M.S., M.Div., Ph.D.
*Dean of the Divinity School;
Irene and William McCutchen Professor of Reconciliation and Theology;
Director of the Center for Reconciliation*

Preacher PATRICK T. SMITH, M.Div., M.A., Ph.D.
*Associate Research Professor of Theological Ethics and Bioethics; Senior Fellow,
Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University*

Naming the GraduatesMICHAEL A. LONG, M.Div., D.Min.
Director of Spiritual Formation

SARAH JEAN BARTON, M.T.S., M.S., Th.D.
Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy and Theological Ethics

CULLEN G. MCKENNEY, M.Div., Ph.D.
Director of the Center for Writing and Academic Support

Investing the Graduates..... DANIEL CASTELO, M.Div., Ph.D.
*Associate Dean for Academic Formation;
William Kellon Quick Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies*

SANGWOO KIM, M.Div., Th.M., Th.D.
*Associate Dean for Vocational Formation;
Senior Director of the Methodist House; Administrative Faculty*

DEBORAH HACKNEY, M.Ed., M.A.
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Liturgists MILES BAKER HUNT (D'24)

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Divinity School Chaplain

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TAKUDZWA CHIKEPE (D'24)

Intercessor COUNTESS SHEREE AUTHEMENT (D'24)

Organist CHAD FOTHERGILL
*Organist, Duke Divinity School;
Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

Crucifer JUSTICE HILL (D'25)

Torchbearers EMILY OGDEN (D'25)
TRINITY LONG (D'25)

Bible BearerJUSTIS MITCHELL (D'25)

Faculty Marshal CURTIS FREEMAN, M.Div., Ph.D.
*Ruth D. Duncan Director of the Baptist House of Studies;
Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies*

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES – MAY 11, 2024

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CERTIFICATES

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DIVINITY SCHOOL AWARDS

- Award for Excellence in Bible...** William Paul Vines Sharkey (*Old Testament*)
Katherine Jane Bracy Limkeman (*New Testament*)
- Award for Outstanding Student in Theology** Joseph Neil Reigle
- Award for Excellence in Worship
and Liturgical Leadership**..... Leah Benn Miller
- Frederick Buechner Writing Award**.....Jaime Steiert McGlothlin
Vivian Grace Saxon
- Richard P. Heitzenrater Award
for Excellence in History** Andrew Raines (D'25)
- Seminarian Award of the Fellowship of
United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts**Leah Benn Miller
- Hoyt Hickman Award for Excellence in Liturgics** ...Patrice Elizabeth Turner
- Harry Hosier Spirit Award** Takudzwa Chikepe
- Jameson Jones Preaching Award** Beth Regena Glenn
Katherine Christine Mangum
- McMurry Richey Awards**..... Emily Lynn Stambaugh (*Field Education*)
Britt Anliza Taylor (*Mission*)
Evan A. Smith (*Student Pastor*)

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Duke University's roots in North Carolina can be traced back to 1838, with humble beginnings in Randolph County as a one-room schoolhouse. Duke University was officially established in 1924 when James B. Duke signed the Indenture of Trust on December 11 and designated a gift that transformed Trinity College into a comprehensive research university. Duke University's Class of 2024 will be the 100th class to graduate from Duke University. The 2024 Commencement will take place during the Centennial year and just months after Duke's official Centennial launch. Next year's Commencement Ceremony will celebrate the class of 2025 and the 100th anniversary of the first Duke University Commencement. Commencements in 2024 and 2025, while distinct, are historic and both classes deserve special recognition.