The University of the South Sewanee, Tennessee

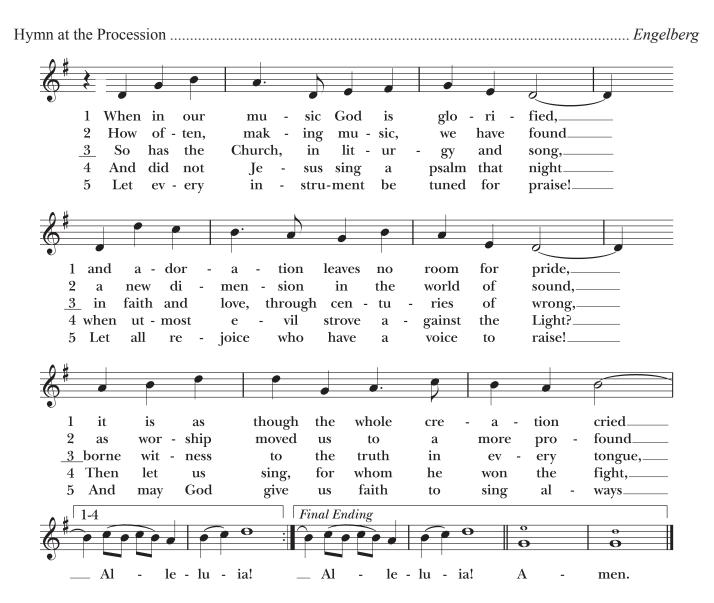
The Baccalaureate Service
in the
One Hundred Sixty-eighth Year
of
The University of the South

Saturday, May 10, 2025 10 a.m. All Saints' Chapel

Morning Prayer

At 9:50 a.m. the Mildred and George Bentley Memorial Change Ringing Bells in Breslin Tower ring and the procession leaves Walsh-Ellett Hall. As the procession enters the Chapel, the congregation stands and joins in the singing of this hymn.

Welcome



Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000). Copyright © 1972 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Chaplain Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Chaplain Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Chaplain and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

All sing

Christ our Passover Pascha Nostrum



- 1 Alleluia, ¹alle¹luia. *
 - Alle luia, alle luia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
- Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sin cerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alle luia. *
 - Alle'luia, 'alle'luia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die a gain; * death no longer has do minion over him.
- The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, 'alle'luia. *
 - Alle luia, alle luia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen a sleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
 - by a man has come also the resur rection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
 - so also in Christ shall all be made a live.
- 12 Alleluia, 'alle'luia. *
 - Alle'luia, 'alle'luia.

Behold how good and pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life forever more.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Reading John 21:1–19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The congregation stands and sings



Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

The congregation remains standing and says together

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Chaplain The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Chaplain Let us pray.

Chaplain and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your Name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assault of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Anthem	Call of wisdom	Will Todd
		(b. 1970)

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
Jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.
Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

The congregation remains seated during the Baccalaureate Address.

The congregation is seated and remains seated as the choir sings

THE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

Let us pray.

The General Thanksgiving

Chaplain and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The congregation remains standing as the Chancellor says

Closing Prayers

The University Prayer

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thy servants implore thy blessing upon this University. Give the spirit of Wisdom to all those to whom Thou hast given the authority of teaching and of government. Let the students grow in grace day by day; enlighten their minds, purify their hearts, and sanctify their wills. Bless all who have contributed to this institution; and raise up to the University, we humbly pray Thee, a never-failing succession of benefactors; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Blessing



Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1989–1969), alt. Copyright © by permission of Harry Emerson Fosdick. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932).

Voluntary	. "Toccata"	from Symphony V	Cl	harles-Marie	Widor
				(1844-	1937)

The Bells of the University Carillon



Photographs should not be taken during the Baccalaureate and Commencement services.



If you need assistance, please ask an angel or proctor; these individuals, who are wearing academic gowns, have white ribbons attached to their name tags.

Assisted listening amplifiers are available for the hearing impaired. Accessible alternative format bulletins are also available. Please see the staff at the table near the large video screen.

Any lost and found articles may be claimed at the Sewanee Police Department.

Medical assistance is available under the tent adjacent to Convocation Hall.

Restrooms are located in Carnegie Hall (accessed via elevator or stairs under the archway), Guerry Auditorium, Biehl Commons, and in Spencer Hall and Woods Labs.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow in St. Augustine's Chapel. All students, faculty, staff, and visitors are invited.

The Convocation of the University for the Conferring of Degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow. For viewing locations and severe weather instructions, please visit www.sewanee. edu/parents/commencement.



Baccalaureate Speaker

Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

The Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley serves as the 15th bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. Her focus is developing a diocese that is rooted in justice and marked by compassion and courage. Ordained to the priesthood in 1991, Woodliff-Stanley has served in many roles across the Episcopal Church prior to her current calling. She is a graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, the Columbia University School of Social Work, and Swarthmore College. She is married to the Reverend Nathan Woodliff-Stanley; they share two grown sons.



The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, B.A., M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. *Chancellor*

Robert W. Pearigen, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. *Vice-Chancellor and President*

Scott H. Wilson, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. *Provost*

Betsy A. Sandlin, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

The Very Rev. James F. Turrell, B.A., M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. *Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Theology*

The Rev. Nancee Martin, B.A., M.A., M.Div., D.Min. *Interim University Chaplain*

The Rev. Leigh C. Preston, A.B., B.S., M.Div. *Interim Associate University Chaplain*

Geoffrey H. Ward, B.Mus., B.Ed., A.R.C.T., M.Mus., A.R.C.C.O., D.M.A. *University Organist and Choirmaster*

David H. W. Shipps Sr., B.A., M.B.A. *University Marshal*



ECCE QUAM BONUM