The University of the South Sewanee, Tennessee

The Convocation in the

University's One Hundred Sixty-eighth Year

for the

Conferring of Degrees

from the

School of Theology

Friday, May 9, 2025 10 a.m. All Saints' Chapel

THE CONVOCATION FOR THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Mildred and George Bentley Memorial Change Ringing Bells

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms: In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above: Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace: Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms: In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

The Procession of Faculty and Graduates into the Chapel

Members of the congregation stand as the procession enters the Chapel, join in the singing of the hymn, and remain standing until the first reading.



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The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nazianzus, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The people sit.

First Reading Jonah 1:1–16

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

The people stand.



- 2 The dawn re - turns in splen dor, the hea-vens burn and blaze,
- mand ments to So shine the Lord's com make the sim-ple wise;
- So der too this life of mine, di - rect or all my days;



wit ness of the Mas-ter's hand in all cre - a - ted things, and mute the ing sun re news the race that me-asures all our days and to the taste, more rich than prize, a more sweet than hon - ev an - y the med i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise, my



through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu sic sings._ writes in fire the skies God's ma - jes - ty a - cross and praise._ law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore eyes.__ our rock. and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways._

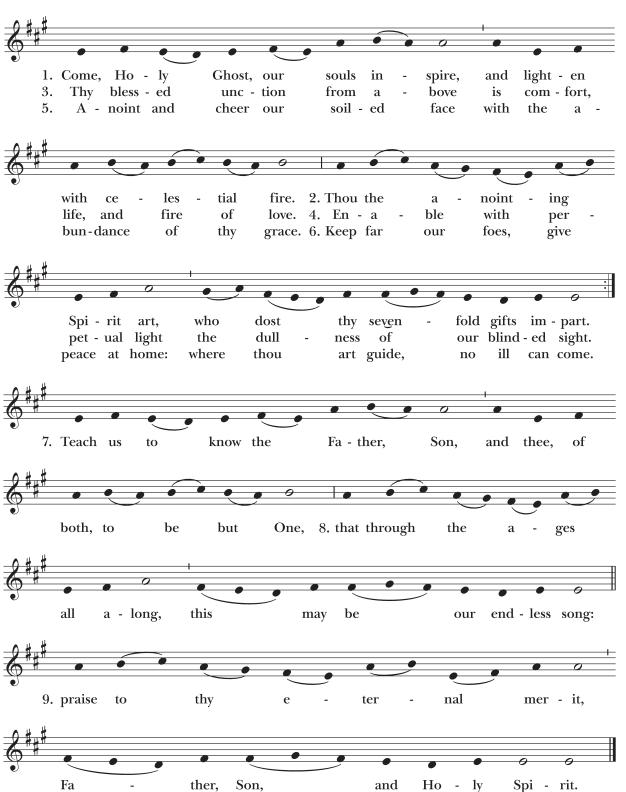
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The people sit.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People



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The Gospel John 8:25–32

Before the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed (all stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people sit.

Announcement of Awards and Prizes by the Provost

Diploma of Anglican Studies

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Christopher Paul Hilton	
Keith N. Johnson, Jr.	
Ivan Ruiz-Swartz	Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
John M. Wakefield	The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes

Conferring of Honorary Degrees by the Chancellor

Doctor of Divinity

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

PROCANCELLARIUS: Cancellarie reverendissime, exornare honoribus bene meritos meritasque est proprium munus huius Universitatis. Gratissimum igitur mihi est tibi praesentare hos homines ab Universitatis Meridianae Regentibus et Senatu doctores honoris causa creatos qui ad illum gradum proferantur atque quibus diplomata pro huius rei testimonium dentur.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: Most reverend Chancellor, a proper function of this University is to adorn with honors those who are well deserving. It is, therefore, most pleasing to me to present to you these persons, who have been created honorary doctors by the Board of Regents and the Senate of the University of the South, who are to be advanced to this degree and to whom a diploma is to be given as evidence of this act.

CANCELLARIUS: Auctoritate huius Universitatis mihi commissa, admitto te ad gradum Doctoris in Divinitate honoris causa, et omnia dona, jura, privilegia, honores, dignitates, et potestates quae aut hic aut alibi ad istum gradum quocumque modo pertinent, do et concedo.

In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

PROCANCELLARIUS: Huius rei hoc diploma testimonium sit.

CHANCELLOR: By the authority of this University vested in me, I admit you to the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity and give and grant all of the gifts, rights, privileges, honors, dignities, and powers which here or elsewhere pertain in any way to that degree.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: Let this diploma be witness to this act.

Conferring of Degrees in Course by the Vice-Chancellor

Decanus Facultatis Theologiae: Procancellarie dignissime, tibi praesento discipulos discipulasque nostras in Facultate Theologiae, ut admittantur ad gradus Doctoris in Ministerio, et Magistri in Sacrosancta Theologia, et Magistri in Artibus, et Magistri in Divinitate.

Procancellarius: Cancellarie nobilissime, reverendi Curatores ac honorandi, juvenes, discipulos discipulasque nostras, candidatos ad gradus Doctoris in Ministerio, et Magistri in Sacrosancta Theologia, et Magistri in Artibus, et Magistri in Divinitate ab Universitatis Senatu probatos praesento, atque potestatem ad illos his gradibus hic publice exornandos a vobis peto. Placetne tibi, Cancellarie?

Cancellarius: Placet.

Procancellarius: Placetne vobis, Domini et Dominae?

Curatores: Placet.

Procancellarius: Auctoritate huius Universitatis mihi commissa, admitto vos ad gradum (nomen gradus), et omnia dona, jura, privilegia, honores, dignitates, et potestates quae aut hic aut alibi ad istum gradum quocumque modo pertinent, do et concedo.

DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: Most worthy Vice-Chancellor, I present to you these our students in the Faculty of Theology to be admitted to the degrees of Doctor of Ministry, Master of Sacred Theology, Master of Arts, and Master of Divinity.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: Most noble Chancellor, reverend and honorable Trustees, I present these our students as candidates for the degrees of Doctor of Ministry, Master of Sacred Theology, Master of Arts, and Master of Divinity, who have been approved by the University Senate, and I ask your assent to my adorning them here and publicly with these degrees. May I, Chancellor, have your approval?

CHANCELLOR: I do approve.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: May I have your approval?

TRUSTEES: I do approve.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: By the authority of this University vested in me, I admit you to the degree of (title of degree) and give and grant to you all the gifts, rights, privileges, honors, dignities, and powers which here or elsewhere pertain in any way to that degree.

In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of

the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Huius rei hoc diploma testimonium sit.

Let this diploma be witness to this act.

The degree candidates come forward as their names are read to receive the diploma and the academic hood.

Doctor of Ministry

Jane-Allison Elaine Wiggin*

Master of Sacred Theology

Carl Millard Saxton, II*

Master of Arts

Pressley Ryan Dailey
Dickerman Hollister, Jr.
Jonah Kiprono Kogo
Derek Lofing
Dan Alinsfe Mazimbo
Baird Mponda
Bernard Nduwayo
Benjamin Elias Nyamweru

Master of Divinity

Adam Bernard Conley	
Anna Kristina Hodge	Diocese of Southwest Florida
Ryan Timothy Lockwood	
Nolan Ryan McBride	Diocese of Northern Indiana
Sara Miller-Schulte	Diocese of Western Louisiana
Kelly Ann Ramer Moody	Diocese of Olympia
Louis-Patrick Mua	Diocese of North Carolina
Rebecca Lile Paluzzi	Diocese of East Tennessee
Erin Keakealani Richardson Severin	Diocese of Hawaii
McKenzi Jo Roberson	Diocese of Olympia
Matthew Denton Roney	The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes
Edward L. Smith, II	
Jocelyn Elaine Snider	Diocese of Montana
Roger Alton Speer, Jr.	Diocese of Georgia
Michael Christian Sturdy	Diocese of Texas
Jordan Andrew Trendelman	Diocese of Northern Indiana

^{*}Student graduated December 31, 2024

The University's Charge to all Graduates

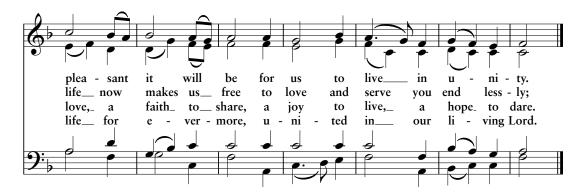
Procancellarius: Iuvenes dilecti dilectaeque et nunc exornati exornataeque, videte ut probe et integre vos geratis, ad gloriam Dei, in honorem reipublicae, et in splendorem huius Universitatis.

Deus vos benedicat.

VICE-CHANCELLOR: Chosen and now honored ones, see to it that you bear yourselves with uprightness and integrity to the glory of God, to the honor of the state, and to the good name of this University.

May God bless you.





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The Prayers of the People (all stand)

—composed by the Rev. Jordan A. Trendelman, T'25

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, we pray for your One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, that all Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that those in positions of power, at all levels of society, may be called to wield their authority in accordance with your call to justice and compassion.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you would inspire within us the discernment and discipline to be faithful stewards of the abundant gifts which you have bestowed upon us in your creation, and that we may use them in accordance with your will.

Lord in you mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that this seminary community may faithfully represent the best of those who came before us, and be edifying examples to those who come after us to the glory of your Church.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that we may not become complacent to the sufferings of others, and should our agency fail us, that you would send forth your Holy Spirit to comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray that those faithful departed from this life, who have passed from that which is fleeting to that which is eternal, may forever rest in the peace and comfort of your changelessness.

Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray that, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Luke, Blessed Gregory of Nazianzus, and all those victorious Saints who have gone before us, we may also come to dwell with you in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we your servants implore your blessing upon this University. Give the Spirit of Wisdom to all those to whom you have 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, a never-failing succession of benefactors; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Welcome

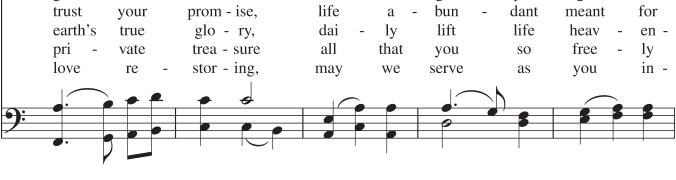
The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians* 5:2

An offering is collected in support of Leonard Kamungu Theological College in Zomba, Malawi.

"Heal 1. Lord, give mis - sion: the you the great com 2. Lord, ser - vice: "In call you to us your my 3. Lord, make ho - ly: "This you the com mon my 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa ther, "I 5. Lord, bless with you words sur - ing; as am the word." church sick preach_ Lest the and ne name bap tize teach." That world and the may bod y, this my blood." Let us all, for give." Yet hoard what they do, for we as with the end." Faith hope you to and and glect its mis - sion, and the pel gos go un -





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The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

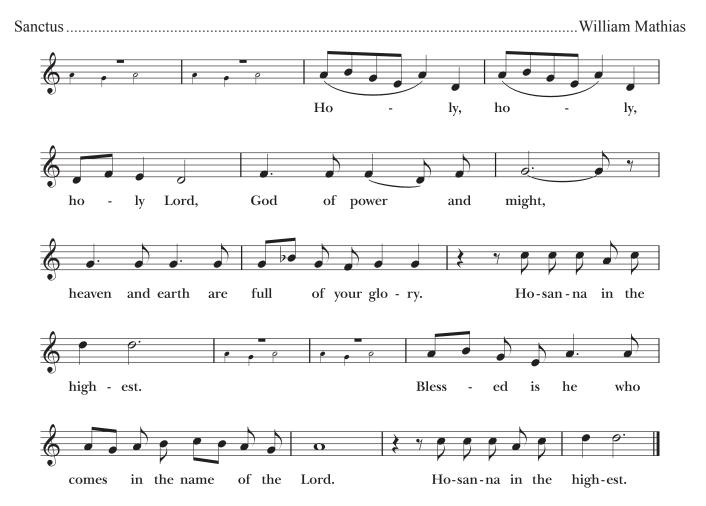
People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



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The people remain standing.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People
We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the

cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jake our Chancellor, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Luke the Evangelist, Blessed Gregory of Nazianzus, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

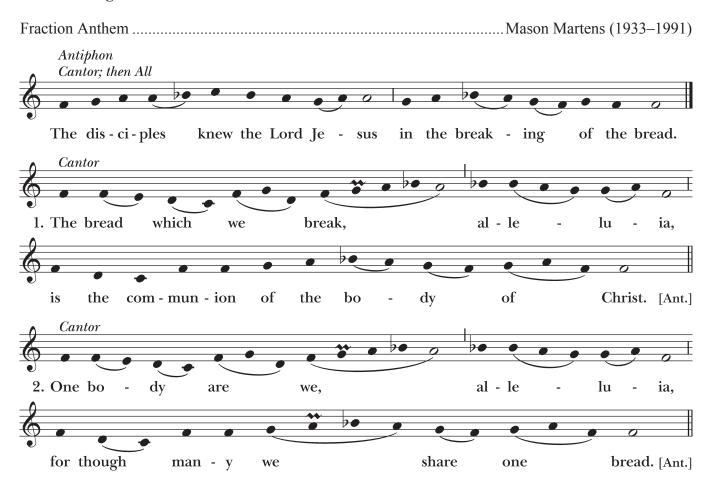
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread



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The Celebrant says the following Invitation

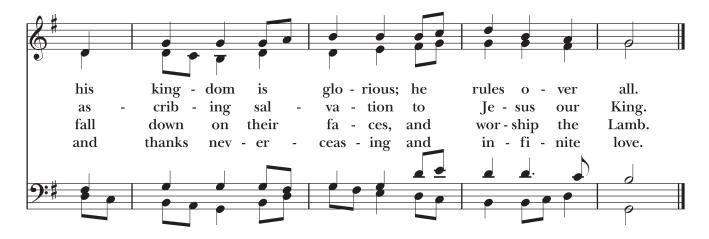
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Proceed up the center aisle and fill in around the altar from the front to the back. All are asked to return to their seats by the side aisles. Those who are not baptized, or who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. For reasons of public health, please do not intinct, or dip, the bread in the wine.

Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum, habitare fratres in unum! Sicut unguentum in capite, quod descendit in barbam, barbam Aaron, quod descendit in oram vestimenti ejus; sicut ros Hermon, qui descendit in montem Sion. Quoniam illic mandavit Dominus benedictionem, et vitam usque in saeculum.

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon: which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing: and life for evermore.





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The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen*.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

All are invited to a light lunch in McClurg Hall immediately following the Liturgy.

The University Baccalaureate Service will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, in All Saints' Chapel. The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley will give the Baccalaureate address.

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

Photographs should not be taken during the Commencement service. Professional photographs of the graduate receiving their hood will be available to students via the School's Flickr account.

Any lost and found articles may be claimed at the Commencement desk located at the McGriff Alumni House.



Awards and Prizes

Freeman Award for Academic Merit—Michael Christian Sturdy

Woods Leadership Award—Roger Alton Speer, Jr.

William A. Griffin Scholar—Ryan Timothy Lockwood

Matthew Deaton Roney

Michael Christian Sturdy

School of Theology Prize in Biblical Studies—Kelly Ann Ramer Moody

School of Theology Prize in Theology and Ethics—Erin Keakealani Richardson Severin

School of Theology Prize in Historical Studies—Michael Christian Sturdy

School of Theology Prize in Practical Theology—Kelly Ann Ramer Moody

School of Theology Community Service Award—Jordan Andrew Trendelman

Major Class Officers—Student Body President—Kelly Ann Ramer Moody Senior Class Representative—Matthew Deaton Roney

The Annual Episcopal Preaching Foundation Award is bestowed upon Ryan Timothy Lockwood who, in the estimation of the dean and faculty, has demonstrated the most improvement and aptitude in preaching. This award of \$1,000 is sponsored annually by the Foundation.

Isaac Marion Dwight Medal for Philosophical and Biblical Greek—Derek Lofing

Sacristans

Jordan Andrew Trendelman, *head sacristan* Kelly Ann Ramer Moody Edward L. Smith, II McKenzi Jo Roberson

Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Divinity

Brian K. Burgess

A native of Southwest Florida, the Right Reverend Brian K. Burgess, T'99, grew up attending Episcopal day schools and public schools while singing in an Anglican choir of men and boys. Following careers in music education and later in law enforcement, Burgess attended seminary at the University of the South and was ordained in 1999. As priest, he served parishes within the Episcopal dioceses of Southwest Florida, Louisiana, and New Jersey. In 2022, he was ordained and consecrated the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Springfield. Burgess has served as a clerical trustee on the Board of Trustees of the University of the South. He is married to his college sweetheart, Denise Lee; they share two grown children.

Deon K. Johnson

The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson was born and raised in a small village on the Caribbean island of Barbados. His faith was formed under the watchful eye of his maternal grandmother, who taught him how to pray, how to listen with his heart, and introduced him to the beauty of worship in the hymns and spirituals she sang throughout his childhood. Johnson was consecrated as the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Missouri on June 13, 2020, at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. On this day, Johnson marked many firsts for the diocese as he became the first immigrant, the first Black man, and the first gay individual to serve as bishop of the Diocese of Missouri. Johnson and his husband, Jhovanny Osorio, are the proud parents of two children.

Anne B. Jolly

For more than 18 years the Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly, T'13, has been visioning, leading, and loving the Episcopal Church at the parish, diocesan, and churchwide levels. Prior to her consecration as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Ohio, Jolly served parishes in Tennessee, Texas, and South Carolina. Jolly is the first woman to be called as a bishop in the Diocese of Ohio. She names creative vision, change management, collaboration, teaching of spiritual practices, and exploring ways to thrive as her primary spiritual gifts. She has been married to her husband, David, for more than 30 years; they share three grown daughters.

Mark Van Koevering

Following Peace Corps service in Thailand, teaching in China, and reconciliation work in Mozambique, the Right Reverend Mark Van Koevering completed his theological formation at Trinity College, University of Bristol, and was ordained a deacon and priest in the Church in Wales. Van Koevering then was elected as the third bishop of Niassa in 2002 and served as the diocesan bishop in Mozambique until 2015, where his leadership focused on church growth, holistic social development, and new church plants. In 2016, he was welcomed into the Episcopal Church and served as the assistant bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia

until he was called in 2018 to serve as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Lexington. He is married to the Reverend Canon Helen Van Koevering, rector of St. Raphael's Episcopal Church in Lexington; together they share three grown children.

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.



Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry 2025

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology 2025

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Celebrant The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby

Preacher The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Deacon The Rev. Casey A. Perkins

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Hilary M. Bogert-Winkler

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