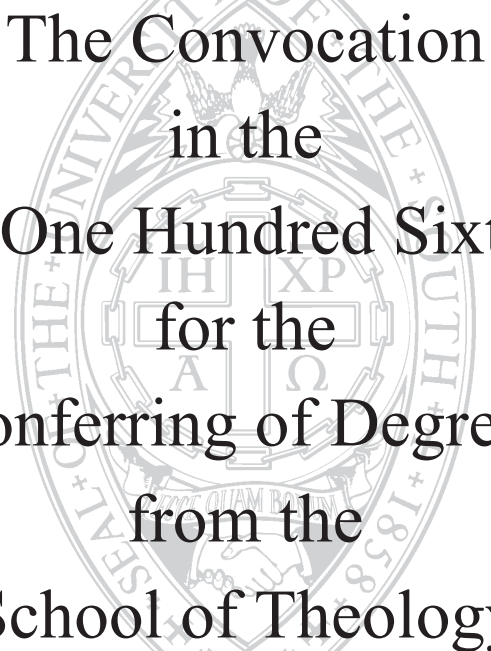


The University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee

The seal of The University of the South is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a cross, containing the letters 'I H X P' and 'A Ω'. Above the shield is an eagle with wings spread. The shield is surrounded by a circular border with the text 'THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH' and '1858'. At the bottom of the seal is a banner with the Latin motto 'VERITAS QUAM SEQUITUR'.

The Convocation
in the
University's One Hundred Sixty-ninth Year
for the
Conferring of Degrees
from the
School of Theology

Friday, May 8, 2026
10 a.m.
All Saints' Chapel

**THE CONVOCATION
FOR THE
CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

The Mildred and George Bentley Memorial Change Ringing Bells

Opening Voluntary*Passacaglia in C Minor* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis..... William Mathias (1934–1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we




praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn

Rockingham



1. Lord list - ten to me when I call, Have mer - cy
 2. Do not for - ev - er hide your face Nor, Lord, in
 3. Though fa - ther, moth - er, should for - sake, The Lord him -
 4. Do not sur - ren - der me, O Lord, In - to my
 5. What, then, if I had not be - lieved That I should



on me, an - swer me; You move my heart to
 an - ger turn a - way; Cast me not off, you
 se - lf will su - stain; Lead me, O Lord on
 ad - ver - sa - ry's will; False wit - ness - es have
 see God's love at length! Be strong, wait pa - tient-





seek your face; Your face, Lord, I de - sire to see.
 are my help, Do not for - sake me when I pray.
 le - vel paths, Show me your way and make it plain.
 ri - sen up, Those who speak ma - lice of me still.
 ly on him, The Lord will bring your heart new strength.



Words: para. Psalm 27:10–18, Christopher L. Webber, *New Metrical Psalter*; Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816). Reproduced by permission of Church Publishing, CCLI #383702, or One License.net, #541481-L.

The people sit.

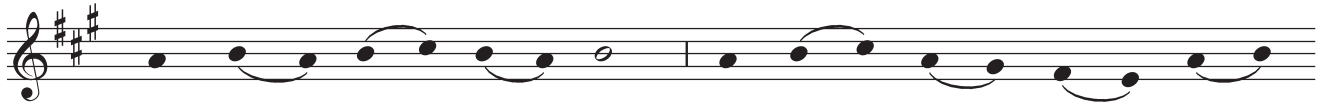
Second Reading Hebrews 10:19–24

After the Reading, the Reader says

	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
 3. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
 5. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face with the a -



with ce - les - tial fire. 2. Thou the a - noint - ing
 life, and fire of love. 4. En - a - ble with per -
 bun-dance of thy grace. 6. Keep far our foes, give



Spi - rit art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.



7. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



both, to be but One, 8. that through the a - ges



all a - long, this may be our end - less song:



9. praise to thy e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The Gospel..... Matthew 23:37–39

Before the Gospel, a Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon..... The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe

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

Certificate of Theological Studies

Claire Sims (*in absentia*)

Certificate of Advanced Theological Studies

Joshua Bowron* (*in absentia*)

Alice Ford* (*in absentia*)

Kristen Oliver* (*in absentia*)

Conferring of Honorary Degrees by the Chancellor

Doctor of Divinity

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Huius rei hoc diploma testimonium sit.

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

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 the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let this diploma be witness to this act.

Doctor of Ministry

Clare Elizabeth Barrie (*in absentia*)
Christopher Allan Evetts
David Graeme Jackson
Scott Daniel Parnell
Thomas Birch Rambo (*in absentia*)
Skip Walker*

Master of Sacred Theology

Sara Miller Schulte

Master of Arts

Apollo Dailey
Austin Puckett
Gabriel Rice
Carissa Aramantha Riedesel
Jurinesz Randolph Shadrach
Damien Damon White (*in absentia*)
Timothy Whitworth Wier

Master of Divinity

Adam Lee Boggs Ballintoy..... Diocese of East Tennessee
Adelle Gay Dennis..... Diocese of Upper South Carolina
Gary Howard Fetter Jr. Diocese of East Carolina
Alva Eugene Hart..... Diocese of Kansas
William Chalmer Nieman Diocese of Mississippi
Allison McGehee Miller Pace..... Diocese of Southern Virginia

*Student graduated either September 30 or December 31, 2025

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.

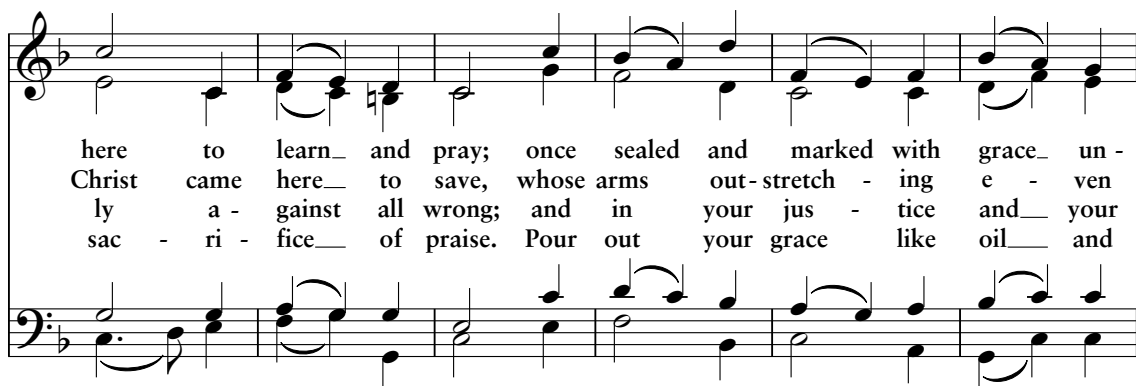
Deus vos benedicat.

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.



1. Life - giv - ing God, your call to serve has brought us
 2. A u - ni - ty to tell of how our Sa - vior
 3. A u - ni - ty in truth to speak cour - a - geous -
 4. So now we lift our hearts to you, a li - ving



here to learn and pray; once sealed and marked with grace un -
 Christ came here to save, whose arms out - stretch - ing e - ven
 ly a - gainst all wrong; and in your jus - tice and your
 sac - ri - fice of praise. Pour out your grace like oil and



earned, we seek your grace on this new way. How good and
 now draw all the world to your embrace, whose ri - sen
 peace to lift the faint, the weak make strong; and in your
 dew; a - noint and send us to pro - claim your pro - mised



plea - sant it will be for us to live in u - ni - ty.
 life now makes us free to love and serve you end less - ly;
 love, a faith to share, a joy to live, a hope to dare.
 life for e - ver - more, u - ni - ted in our li - ving Lord.

The Prayers of the People (*all stand*)

—composed by Liam C. Nieman, T'26

Almighty God, as we gather today, we remember that you sent your son Jesus Christ among us as both a student and a teacher. He grew in knowledge, yet instructed us from the depths of divine wisdom.

Let us pray that he may continue to guide and teach us.

We pray for your holy Church;

That all its members may reflect your love in the world.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jake our Chancellor, and for all ordained leaders;

That they may faithfully interpret your Gospel.

We pray for the nations of the world and their leaders;

That all nations may learn your ways of justice and mercy.

We pray for the victims of war, both armed forces and civilians;

That the nations of the world may study war no more.

We pray for the welfare of the good earth you have given us;

That we may be renewed in our role as the stewards of your creation.

We pray for those who suffer: the poor, the sick, and the lonely;

That you comfort them—and teach us to do the same.

We pray for this University and all who graduate this weekend;

That they leave Sewanee prepared and strengthened to serve the world's needs.

We pray for all who have died;

That they may continue to grow into your likeness.

We give you thanks for the witness of Mary, the Mother of God; Luke the evangelist; Julian of Norwich; and all your saints;

Teach us to glorify your Name in our own lives.

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.

Offertory Hymn *Abbot's Leigh*

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.)

With the Spir - it's

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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,

Sanctus William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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 Julian of Norwich, 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

Fraction Anthem Mason Martens (1933–1991)

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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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. Gluten-free bread is available; if needed, tell the clergy.

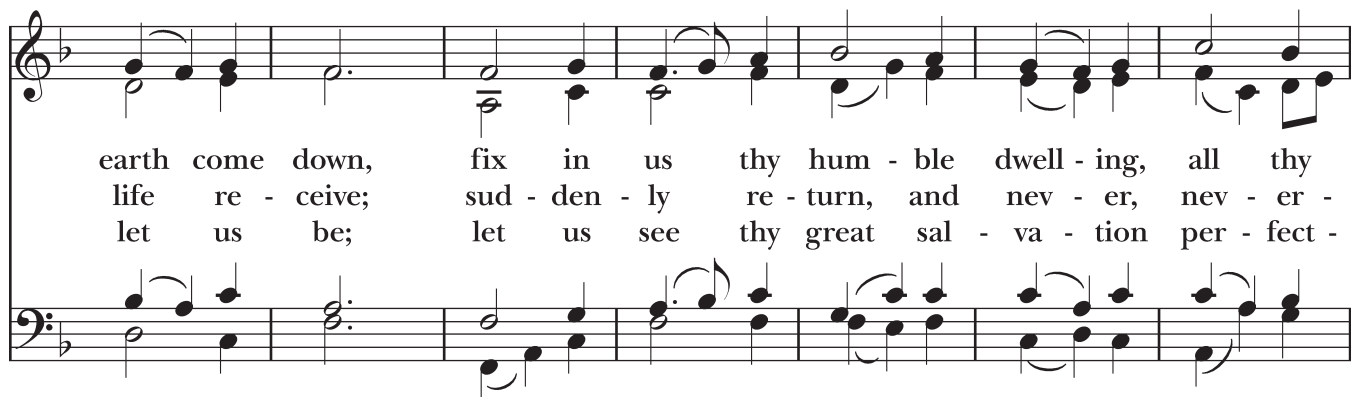
Communion Anthem.....*Rise up my love, my fair one*.....Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear upon the earth.
The time of singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.
—Song of Solomon 2:10–12

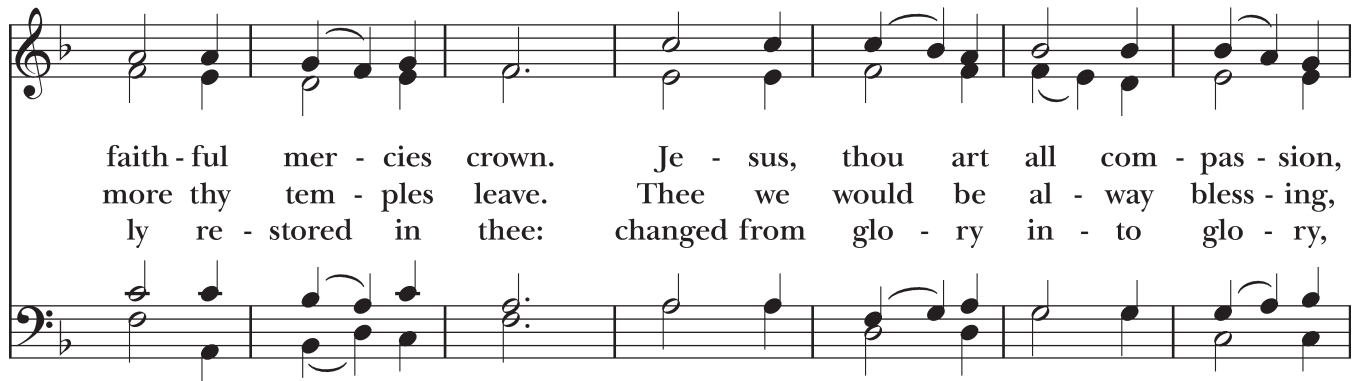
Communion Hymn.....*Hyfrydol*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt. Music: *Hyfydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1997).

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Voluntary..... *Pièce d'Orgue in G Major*Johann Sebastian Bach

Peal Extraordinaire The Bells of the University Carillon



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. Jon Meacham 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

Isaac Marion Dwight Medal for Philosophical and Biblical Greek—Timothy Whitworth Wier

Freeman Award for Academic Merit—William Chalmer Nieman

Woods Leadership Award—Adelle Gay Dennis

School of Theology Prize in Biblical Studies—Adelle Gay Dennis

School of Theology Prize in Theology and Ethics—Adelle Gay Dennis

School of Theology Prize in Historical Studies—Jurinesz Randolph Shadrach

School of Theology Prize in Practical Theology—William Chalmer Nieman

George Thomas Shettle Prize For Liturgical Reading—Adam Lee Boggs Ballintoy

School of Theology Community Service Award—Austin Puckett

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

Major Class Officers—Student Body President—Adelle Gay Dennis

Senior Class Representative—Adam Lee Boggs Ballintoy

Student Trustee—Allison McGehee Miller Pace

Sacristans

William Chalmer Nieman (head sacristan)

Adam Lee Boggs Ballintoy

Adelle Gay Dennis

Allison McGehee Miller Pace



Honorary Degree Recipients

Doctor of Divinity

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell is the child of a mixed marriage, his father Southern Methodist, his mother Episcopalian. Though she shepherded him toward a deep faith as a child, he walked away from God in his teenage years, then ran from Him, to California, Argentina, California again, finally—cornered and in love in New York City—wrestling with Christ until he lost. He married Betsy, his magnificent wife and partner in ministry, in 1980, went to the General Seminary in the same year, was ordained priest in 1983, and over the past 45 years has ministered widely: college chaplaincy at Yale, parishes in New York, Seattle, and Boston, work in relief, public health, and education in Northern Uganda in the aftermath of war. From 2012 to 2021, he served as eighth bishop of Pittsburgh, and from 2022 to 2024 as assisting, then acting bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Betsy retired in 2021 after 33 years as a clinical social worker, and they now live in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire.

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe

The Rt. Rev. Dean Elliott Wolfe, born in Dayton, Ohio, has served the Episcopal Church as priest and bishop for over two decades. After earning degrees from Miami University of Ohio and Virginia Theological Seminary, he ministered at St. Clement's Church in Berkeley and Trinity Church in Boston before serving as first vice rector of Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas, from 1998 to 2003. Elected bishop of Kansas, he served the diocese for 14 years, leading a capital campaign to build a diocesan center and co-founding the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. As vice president of the House of Bishops under two presiding bishops, he represented the Episcopal Church to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Anglican Communion leaders, and ecumenical and interfaith leaders worldwide, and served as delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly. A noted preacher, educator, and retreat leader, Bishop Wolfe was called as rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City in 2017, where he led the congregation through the pandemic while overseeing a \$20 million restoration of the National Historic Landmark on Park Avenue. He is married to Ellen Frantz-Wolfe, and they have a son William, his wife Ellie, and granddaughter Millie, who has captured the hearts of the entire family.



Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry 2026

- Clare Barrie, B.F.A, B.Th.,.....Auckland, New Zealand
Project: “A Way of Conversion: Reclaiming Eucharistic Formation and Sacramental Imagination in Aotearoa New Zealand”
- Christopher Allan Evetts, B.Th., M.Div..... Brandon, Manitoba Canada
Project: “I Will with God’s Help: A Pastoral Response to Modern Baptismal and Formation Challenges through a Lens of Disability Theology in the Anglican Church of Canada”
- David Graeme Jackson, B.A., M.S., M.Div..... Aurora, Illinois
Project: “To Witness and Bless: A Socio-Liturgical History of Marriage in the Episcopal Church”
- Scott Daniel Parnell, B.S., M.Div.....Loretto, Virginia
Project: “The Fourth Century Catechumenate as a Model for 21st Century Church Growth”
- Thomas Birch Rambo, B.A., Ph.D., M.Div.....Eugene, Oregon
Project: “Ecclesial Evolution: The Application of Evolutionary Ecological Principles to the Life of the Church”
- Skip Walker, B.M., M.A.Fayetteville, North Carolina
Project: “Episcopal Preaching in the Jazz Tradition: Improvisational Pedagogies”

Candidate for the Degree of Master of Sacred Theology 2026

- Sara Miller Schulte, B.A., M.Div.. Shreveport, Louisiana
Thesis: “Useful for the baptizing of Natives in our Plantations’: Prayer Book Revision and the Baptism of Indigenous Americans, 1584–1789”



Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby
Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Hilary M. Bogert-Winkler The Very Rev. Christopher L. Epperson The Rev. Leigh C. Preston
Hoods	Hannah W. Matis The Rt. Rev. James Tengtenga
Lectors	The Rev. Britta M. Meiers Carlson Andrew R. Thompson
Intercessor	Liam C. Nieman
Crucifer	A. High Garst
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Thurifer	Madeleine A. Leone
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University Marshal	David H. W. Shipps Sr.



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