

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Honoring the Class of 2023



*In
The Two-Hundredth Year
of the College
May the Twentieth
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three*

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

The Tradition of Trinity College Baccalaureate

The Trinity College Baccalaureate celebration seeks to honor scholars in the community—both students and faculty. This occasion of celebration reflects our liberal arts environment, invites thanksgiving, and includes elements of the rich diversity of spiritual, religious, and ethical thinking embodied by our community. We welcome all students, faculty, and staff, as well as family, friends, and visitors today.

Applause is welcome. Please silence mobile devices.

Our Speaker—The Reverend Sidnie White Crawford '81

Sidnie White Crawford '81 is Willa Cather Professor of Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism, Emerita, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a visiting scholar (Department of Biblical Studies) at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is an internationally recognized scholar in the areas of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible. Her latest book is *The Text of the Pentateuch: Textual Criticism and the Dead Sea Scrolls* (De Gruyter, 2022). Her book *Scribes and Scrolls at Qumran* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2019) was the winner of the Biblical Archaeology Society's Best Popular Book on Archaeology (2021) and the Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Overseas Research (2019). Crawford served as a general editor (Hebrew Bible, Deuterocanon) for the 30-year review of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible undertaken by the National Council of Churches (released in 2022). She is currently chair of the Old Testament Editorial Board for Hermeneia: A Commentary Series (Fortress Press) and board chair emerita of the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. She lives in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Dan, and her cat, Mollie.

Crawford will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree at tomorrow's Commencement ceremony.

Order of Service

Carillon Prelude

Procession

Festal March
Florence Price (1887–1953)

Please stand for the procession.

Welcome and Invocation

The Reverend Marcus George Halley
Chaplain to the College and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life

Please be seated.

Anthem

The Chapel Singers
“Even When He Is Silent”
Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)
words: Anonymous 20th century

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I feel it not.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

Readings from Sacred Texts

From the Jewish Tradition

Joshua Hayden Jacobes '23

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Barukh ata adonai elohenu melek ha'olam,
shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu, v'higiyanu la'z'man ha'zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive,
sustained us, and brought us to this season.

May God bless you and protect you!

May God deal kindly and graciously with you!

May God bestow divine favor upon you and grant you peace!

Numbers 6:24-26

Hillel used to say: If I am not for myself, who is for me?
But if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?

Mishneh Pirkei Avot 1:14 (Ethics of Our Ancestors)

From the Islamic Tradition

Mohammad Matin Yaqubi '23

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَمْ نُشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ ۖ وَوَضَعْنَا عَنكَ وِزْرَكَ ۚ
۲ أَلَدِّيَ أَتَقَبَّ ظَهْرَكَ ۚ ۳ وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ۚ فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۚ ۵ إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۚ ۶ فَإِذَا
فُرِغْتَ فَانصَبْ ۚ ۷ وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ ۚ ۸

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

*Did We not expand for you your chest
and lift from you your burden
that weighed heavily upon your back?
And did We not elevate your renown?
For truly with hardship comes ease!
So when you are free, exert yourself
and let your desire be for your Lord!*

Surah 94

From the Christian Tradition

Zoë Camille Sylvester-Chin '23

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

James 3:13-18 (NRSV)

Anthem

The Chapel Singers

from *Chichester Psalms*

Leonard Bernstein (1918–1990)

words: Psalm 133:1

הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב וְיָמָּה נְעִים שְׁבֵט אֲחִים גַּם יַחַד.

*Hineh mah tov, umah na'im,
shevet achim gam yachad. Amen.*

Behold how good, and how pleasant it is,
for brethren to dwell together in unity. Amen.

Introduction of the Baccalaureate Speaker

The Reverend Marcus George Halley

Address

The Reverend Sidnie White Crawford '81
Willa Cather Professor of Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism, Emerita
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Anthem

The Chapel Singers
“Pilgrims’ Hymn”
from the opera *The Three Hermits*
Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)
words: Michael Dennis Browne (20th century)

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;

Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
Amen.

Benediction

The Reverend Marcus George Halley

The time has come to go forth.

Senior Class: We go in thanksgiving for all we have learned and experienced.

This is a moment of joy and sorrow.

Senior Class: We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship, even as we bid farewell.

This is a moment of anticipation and hope.

Senior Class: We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace all that awaits us.

Go now in peace and hope, and may goodness and mercy accompany you always.

Senior Class: Amen.

The Alma Mater

The Chapel Singers

“Neath the Elms”

Augustus P. Burgwin, Class of 1882

arr. Christopher Houlihan '09

'Neath the elms of our old Trinity,
'Neath the elms of our dear old Trinity,
No more shall we meet our classmates to greet,
'Neath the elms of our old Trinity,

On the hills of our old Trinity,
In the halls of our dear old Trinity,
There is bright merry cheer, there are friends true and dear,
'Neath the elms of our old Trinity,

College days are from care and sorrow free,
And oft will we seek in memory
those days that are past, far too joyous to last
'Neath the elms of our old Trinity,

Then we'll sing to our old Trinity,
to our dear old Alma Mater Trinity,
We're together today, And tomorrow away,
Far away from our old Trinity.

Retiring Procession

Cortège Académique

Ernest MacMillan (1893–1973)

Carillon Postlude

Order of the Procession

Samuel Taishoff '23, vergers
Sacristan

Joshua Hayden Jacobes '23

Mohammad Matin Yaqubi '23

Zoë Camille Sylvester-Chin '23

The Right Reverend John L. Selders Jr.
Assistant Dean of Students

Anita Davis
Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Sonia Cardenas
*Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Professor of Political Science*

Sidnie White Crawford '81
*Willa Cather Professor of Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism, Emerita
University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Rabbi Rachel Putterman
Associate Chaplain and Director of Hillel

The Reverend Marcus George Halley
Chaplain to the College and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life

Joseph J. DiChristina, mace bearer
Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment

Joanne Berger-Sweeney
President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

Other Participants

Christopher Houlihan '09,
organist and director
*John Rose Distinguished College Organist-and-Director of
Chapel Music and Artist-in-Residence*

Ellen Dickinson, carillon
College Carillonist

Jennifer Sullivan
Chapel Administrator and Spiritual and Religious Life Program Coordinator

The Chapel Singers

Marilyn Brach '24 †	James Maciel '25
William Bundy Jr. '24	Matthew Marottolo '24, <i>treasurer</i>
Alexander Cacciato '25	Grace Therese Sanko '23
Elise Casey '25	John Schweitzer '26
Tasha Casey '23, <i>vice president</i>	Gabriela Seguinot '24
Naomi Dyer '24	Zarina Stone '26
Gemma Feltovich '25	Ayana Tabo '23, <i>secretary</i>
Amber Gray '26	Madison Thompson '25
Kendra Maeve Keelan '23, <i>president</i>	Mia Ver Pault '24
Nicholas Keim '26	Jensine Wagner '25
Sam Lee '24 †	Chris Yi '26
Danny Lenois '25	Sydney Yu '25

† indicates section leader



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