# BACCALAUREATE SERVICE Honoring the Class of 2024



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The Two Hundred and First Year of the College May the Eighteenth Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

#### The Tradition of Trinity College Baccalaureate

The Trinity College baccalaureate celebration seeks to honor scholars both students and faculty members—in the community. 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-Glenn W. Falk M'07

Professor of the Practice in Public Policy and Law Glenn Falk is particularly interested in current First Amendment issues regarding disinformation, hate speech, and incitement to violence on social media. He also is concerned with the role of race and poverty in our criminal justice system, including in capital punishment. He would like to help students understand and critique legal arguments and develop their analytical, writing, and oral communication skills, whatever their politics or career aspirations might be.

As passionate about history as he is about the law, Falk holds a master's degree in history from Trinity College in addition to his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University. His areas of interest include the history of the U.S. Supreme Court and law in the early American republic, with an emphasis on the framing of the Constitution, slavery, federal and state relations with Indigenous people, the history of gun rights and gun regulation, and the modern ramifications of these subjects. Together with students, he has investigated the roots of mass incarceration in Connecticut prisons and jails.

Before coming to Trinity, Falk spent more than three decades as a legal aid lawyer. He represented hundreds of indigent criminal defendants in state and federal court and repeatedly was recognized as one of Connecticut's leading appellate advocates. Falk draws on this experience to teach "Law, Argument, and Public Policy," a course in which students write briefs and argue appeals.

## Order of Service

#### **Carillon Prelude**

#### Procession

Festal March Florence Price (1887–1953)

Please stand for the procession.

#### Anthem

The Chapel Singers

"Learning"

Music by Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946), Trinity College Chapel Composer-in-Residence Words from Catonis Disticha (Distichs of Cato), Third or Fourth Century C.E. Translation by R.E. Smith

Instrue praeceptis animum, ne discere cessa; Nam sine doctrina vita est quasi mortis imago.

Multa legas facito, tum lectis neglege multa; Nam miranda canunt, sed non credenda poetae.

Disce sed a doctis, indoctos ipse doceto: Propaganda etenim est rerum doctrina bonarum.

Discere ne cessa; cura sapientia crescit, Rara datur longo prudentia temporis usu.

Disce aliquid; nam cum subito Fortuna recessit, Ars\* remanet vitamque hominis non deserit umquam. Build your mind with precepts, do not stop learning; For without learning, life is as it were, the reflection of death.

See to it that you read much, then overlook much in what you have read; For poets sing of marvelous things, but are not to be believed.

But learn from professors, and teach those who have not been taught; For the teaching of good things must be perpetuated.

Do not stop learning; wisdom increases with nurturing, Prudence, a rare thing, is gained over the long use of time.

Learn something; for when Fortune suddenly departs, Art\* remains and never departs a person's life.

\*"Ars" means not only art but also learning in any other discipline or highly cultivated knowledge.

#### The Gathering and Welcome

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

Please be seated.

#### Anthem

The Chapel Singers

"Sing to the Lord a New Song" Music by David Hurd (b. 1950) Words: Psalm 96: 1–2, 6, 9, 11

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Alleluia!

#### Introduction of the Baccalaureate Speaker

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

#### Address

Glenn W. Falk M'07 Professor of the Practice in Policy and Law

#### Anthem

The Chapel Singers

"Goodbye" Music by Samuel Taylor Hudson Lee '24 (b. 2002) Words from "To Jennie," Samuel Clemens (1835–1910)

> Good-bye! a kind good-bye, I bid you now, my friend, And though 'tis sad to speak the word, To destiny I bend

And though it be decreed by Fate That we ne'er meet again, Your image, graven on my heart, Forever shall remain.

Aye, in my heart thoult have a place, Among the friends held dear,— Nor shall the hand of Time efface The memories written there.

Goodbye.

#### A Parting Blessing for the Class of 2024

Rabbi Rachel Putterman Director of Hillel and Associate Chaplain

#### Anthem

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**

## Participants

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

Joanne Berger-Sweeney President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience

> Rabbi Rachel Putterman Director of Hillel and Associate Chaplain

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

> Glenn W. Falk M'07 Professor of the Practice in Policy and Law

> > Eli Garcia '26, verger *Roman Catholic Sacristan*

Christopher Houlihan '09, organ and conductor John Rose Distinguished College Organist-and-Director of Chapel Music and Artist-in-Residence

> Ellen Dickinson, carillon College Carillonist

Vaughn Mauren '07, organ

Jennifer Fancher, greeter Chapel Administrator and Spiritual and Religious Life Program Coordinator

#### **The Chapel Singers**

Marilyn Louise Brach '24, president William Paul Bundy Jr. '24 Alexander Cacciato '25 Benjamin A. Craig '24 Naomi Dyer '24, secretary Grace Fangmann '26 Amber Gray '26 Addison Johnson '24 Nicholas Keim '26 Samuel Taylor Hudson Lee '24, vice president Danny Lenois '25 Abigail Maiello '27 Matthew Arakel Marottolo '24 Ben Rushton '25 Gabriela Seguinot '24 Sydney Smith '25 Dante Angelo Soriano '24 Zarina Stone '26, *treasurer* Mia Ann Ver Pault '24 Jensine Wagner '25, *communications* Leah Winters '24 Chris Yi '26 Sydney Yu '25

