
INAUGURAL BACCALAUREATE

Spring 2017



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Wednesday, 24th May 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Robinson Road

Nassau, The Bahamas

Dawn of A New Era: The Power of Perseverance

PRELUDE.....*Christian Justilien, baritone horn*
Assistant Professor and HOD, Visual and Performing Arts

Dr. Paul Jones, piano
Associate Professor, Visual and Performing Arts

PROCESSIONAL*Mr. Christian Justilien and Dr. Paul Jones*

Please stand and remain standing for the singing of the Alma Mater and the Opening Hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty."

ALMA MATER

Christian Justilien (2016)

We've come to build together a dream for this great land
Like palm trees tall upon this landfall called Bahamaland
The future is before us like endless sea and sand
We'll chart a course with alma mater proudly we will stand.

A beacon for these islands embraced in shallow seas,
UB will lift our spirits high for the world to see.
With hands and hearts together we'll be a guiding light,
We'll live to praise our alma mater 'neath the clear blue skies.
We'll live to raise our alma mater's banner waving high.

OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,

Uplifteth, sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires all have been,
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Who from the heavens the streams of
His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Please remain standing for the Opening Prayer.

OPENING PRAYER..... *Deacon D'Arcy Rahming*

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:15-21.....*Harrison Newbold*
BSc. Engineering Technology:
Electrical Engineering Technology

¹⁵ “I am the Lord, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your King.”

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
Who makes a way through the sea
And a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷ Who brings forth the chariot and the horse,
The army and the mighty man
(They will lie down together and not rise again;
They have been quenched and extinguished like a wick):

¹⁸ “Do not call to mind the former things,
Or ponder things of the past.

¹⁹ “Behold, I will do something new,
Now it will spring forth;
Will you not be aware of it?
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness,
Rivers in the desert. ²⁰ “The beasts of the field will glorify Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because I have given waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My chosen people.

²¹ The people whom I formed for Myself
Will declare My praise.”

MUSICAL SELECTION..... *The Awakening, Joseph Martin*
UB Concert Choir
Benjamin Davis, student conductor
Dr. Paul Jones, piano

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15 *Deacon D’Arcy Rahming*

¹² Jesus said to his disciples: “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.

¹³ But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.

¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵ Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

HOMILY *Deacon D’Arcy Rahming*

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Led by: Kayla Basden, A.A., Law and Criminal Justice Studies and
Janis Curry, B.Ed., Primary Education*

Presider: Almighty God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people who pray in faith. Our Response will be “Lord Hear Our Prayer”

Janice Curry: We pray for Your Church, for all Bishops, Pastors and teachers who lead Your people and expound Your will to others. Bless and inspire all Ministers of the Gospel that they may proclaim the truth of Your Holy Word.

Bless their efforts so that Your kingdom may be enlarged through the preaching of the everlasting gospel.

May their witness be faithful and our worship sincere so as to bring glory to Your name. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Kayla Basden: Let us therefore pray for our country, our Governor General, our Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, Parliamentarians, Senators and all who are called to positions of responsibility in our land.

Inspire all who are called to positions of responsibility in our country that they may guide us wisely and well and promote peace and prosperity in our land. Govern their hearts in Thy fear, and guide their understanding to do those things that are acceptable to You. We Pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Janice Curry: We pray for God's continued blessing and guidance upon all schools and places of higher learning. We ask Your blessings particularly at this time for the University of The Bahamas, its President, Dr. Rodney Smith, Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Let your Holy Spirit, O God, rest upon all who administer, serve and teach at the University of The Bahamas. Enable all who minister to the needs of students to teach both by word and example so that all students may reverence truth, desire goodness, delight in beauty and be outstanding citizens of our community. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Kayla Basden: God our Heavenly Father, Your love is everlasting and Your blessings are without number. We thank You for all the successes of the students graduating at this time. We thank You for how You have developed their minds, challenged them towards excellence, and enabled them to persevere.

We thank You our Heavenly Father for their parents, spouses and professors, University staff members, administrators and all who have worked diligently to create a loving and caring environment. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

Janice Curry: God our Father, we pray for the youth of our nation who are growing up in an unstable and confusing world. We pray for those who lack guidance and motivation and those who pursue selfish and unworthy goals, that they may seize the opportunities of a good education. We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer.

President: Heavenly Father hear the prayers of Your people, those spoken and unspoken. Open our hearts to Your Son Jesus so that we may imitate Him and learn to love like Him. These things we ask through Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God Forever and Ever. Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION..... *Hold On*
Spiritual/Arr. Clayton White
Louis Cleare, bass-baritone
UB Concert Choir
Dr. Paul Jones, director

REMARKS..... *Dr. Rodney D. Smith*
President, University of The Bahamas

Please stand for the Closing Prayer, Blessing and Dismissal.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL..... Deacon D'Arcy Rahming

Please remain standing and join in the singing of the Recessional Hymn while the Spring 2017 graduating class, dignitaries and special guests leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "To God Be The Glory"

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Baccalaureate Committee Members

Dr. Ruth Sumner (Chair)
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