
BACCALAUREATE

Spring 2018



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Wednesday, 23rd May 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Mount Tabor Church

Willow Tree Avenue & Mount Tabor Drive

Nassau, The Bahamas

Forward Together in Pursuit of Greatness

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding

Pastor Jevon O. Neely, M.Div, *Pastor of Christian Education*

Prelude

Mr. Christian Justilien, flugelbone – *Assistant Professor, Music; HOD, Visual and Performing Arts*

Dr. Paul Jones, organ – *Associate Professor, Music, Visual and Performing Arts*

Proclamation

Trumpet Tune (G. F. Handel)

Please stand and remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem, Alma Mater and Opening Hymn, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”.

National Anthem of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Timothy Gibson, 1973

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 all 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” (Lobe den Herrn)

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,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently 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 Invocation.

Invocation

Dr. Carolyn Rolle, Associate Professor, Social Sciences

Please be seated.

Remarks

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

Old Testament Reading

Nerissa Butler-Saunders, B.A., Psychology

Psalm 145 (King James Version)

1. I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.
4. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.
5. I will speak of the glorious honour of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.
6. And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.
7. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing
of Thy righteousness.
8. The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9. The LORD is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.
10. All thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD; and Thy saints shall bless thee.
11. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

Musical Selection

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord
Spiritual/Arr. M. Hogan
UB Concert Choir
Dr. Paul Jones, director

New Testament Reading

Lavanna Marshall, BSc., Nursing
Philippians 2:1-11 (New International Version)

1. Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any affection and mercy,
2. Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
3. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
4. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others,
5. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
6. Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
7. But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
8. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,
11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Message

His Grace, The Most Reverend Neil C. Ellis, CMG, DD, DHL, Ph.D.

Responsorial Prayer

Remain seated

Led by Najee Stubbs, ASc., Engineering and Terah Newbold, BSc., Mathematics

Leader 1:

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, you have promised to hear the prayers of your people who pray in faith. 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 public trust and authority in our land.

Response:

Inspire all who are called to positions of public trust and authority 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.

Leader 2:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have taught us to make prayers and supplications. We pray for your Church, for all Bishops, Pastors, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Teachers who lead your people and expound your will to others.

Response:

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.

Leader 1:

We pray for your continued blessing and guidance upon all schools and institutions of higher learning. We ask your blessings particularly at this time on University of The Bahamas, its President, Dr. Rodney D. Smith, all its administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Response:

Let your Holy Spirit, O God, rest upon all who administer, serve and teach at 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.

Leaders:

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.

Response:

Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, shared the life of an earthly home. Bless the homes and families of our nation. Give to parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children that our youth may grow up to become responsible citizens of our country.

Concluding Prayer

All:

Merciful God, we commend ourselves to you for we need your help and correction. Where there is hatred, let us give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for in giving we receive, in pardoning, we are pardoned; and, in dying, we are born into eternal life.

Closing Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Please remain standing for the Closing Prayer and Dismissal.

Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Bishop Neil C. Ellis, CMG, DD, DHL, Ph.D.

Recessional

Te Deum (M.A. Charpentier)

Mr. Christian Justilien, flugelbone and Dr. Paul Jones, organ

Committee Members

Cheryl Carey

Sybilean Clarke-Knowles

Llewelyn Curling

Shirley Curtis

Thalia Micklewhite

Glenelle Scantlebury

Ruth Sumner

Berthamae Walker

