
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spring 2018



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS
North

Wednesday, 30th May 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Temple Assembly of God

Clive Avenue

Freeport, Grand Bahama

The Bahamas

Forward Together in Pursuit of Greatness



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING: *Rev. Dr. Robert Lockhart*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Chariots of Fire

Please stand and remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem, Alma Mater and Opening Hymn, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”.

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

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (Edward Mote)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

{Chorus x3}

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Please remain standing for the closing prayer and dismissal.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Robert Lockhart

RECESSIONAL

SPRING 2018 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Gladys Sawyer, Student Counselling (Chair)
Levette Morris, University Library (Co-Chair)
Cheyanne Harvey, Recruitment and Admissions
Leterah Munnings, CeLEARN
Francine Farquharson, Business Office
Autherine Turnquest-Hanna, Campus Life
Leslie Dorsett, Student Affairs
Wilola Carroll, Office of the Vice President
Jerome Wallace, Physical Plant

Refrain

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
In Him, my righteousness, alone
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

Please remain standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

Chelsy Wildgoose

Candidate for Graduation, B.Ed., Primary Certification, General

Please be seated.

REMARKS

Dr. Rodney D. Smith

President, University of The Bahamas

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 30:18, 40:25-31 (The Message Bible)*

Bernice Geffrard

Candidate for Graduation, Certificate, Trained Clinical Nursing

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But God's not finished. He's waiting around to be gracious to you.

He's gathering strength to show mercy to you.

God takes the time to do everything right—everything.

Those who wait around for Him are the lucky ones.

25-26

“So—who is like me?

Who holds a candle to me?” says The Holy.

Look at the night skies: Who do you think made all this?

Who marches this army of stars out each night, counts them off, calls each by name—so magnificent! so powerful!—and never overlooks a single one?

27-31

Why would you ever complain, O Jacob, or, whine, Israel, saying, “God has lost track of me. He doesn't care what happens to me”?

Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening?

God doesn't come and go. God lasts.

He's Creator of all you can see or imagine.

He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath.

And He knows everything, inside and out.

He energizes those who get tired, gives fresh strength to dropouts.

For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall.

But those who wait upon God get fresh strength.

They spread their wings and soar like eagles,

They run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Candidates for Graduation

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

“Ancient Words” (Michael W. Smith)

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

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 of 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.

Leader 2: 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.

Response: We thank you, our Heavenly Father, for our parents, spouses and professors, University staff members, administrators and all who have worked diligently to create a loving and caring environment for learning. Bless them for their efforts. Help and guide us in all of our endeavours.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Ephesians 3:14-21 (The Message Bible)*

Shakiel Deleveaux

Candidate for Graduation, B.B.A., Management

14-19

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by His Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in. And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

20-21

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

SELECTION

You Deserve It (JJ Hairston)

My hallelujah belongs to You
 My hallelujah belongs to You
 My hallelujah belongs to You
 My hallelujah belongs to You

You deserve it
 You deserve it
 You deserve it
 You deserve it

My hallelujah
My hallelujah belongs to You
My hallelujah belongs to You
My hallelujah belongs to You
My hallelujah belongs to You

You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it

All of the glory belongs to You
All of the glory belongs to You
All of the glory belongs to You
All of the glory belongs to You

You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

All the glory, all the glory,
And all...

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

All the glory, all the glory,
And all the honor, all the honor,
And all the praise, all the praise

You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

God we give You the glory, hallelujah
God we give You the praise, hallelujah

All the glory, all the glory,
And all the honor, all the honor,
And all, all the praise

You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it
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You deserve it
You deserve it
You deserve it

My hallelujah belongs to You
My hallelujah belongs to You
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My hallelujah belongs to You

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Robert Lockhart

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER

Remain seated.

Led by:

Keshaun Celestin

Candidate for Graduation, A.A.Sc., Electro-Mechanical Technology

Kendle Stuart

Candidate for Graduation, Certificate, Trained Clinical Nursing

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.