
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spring 2019



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS
North

Sunday, 26th May 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Jubilee Cathedral

Cathedral Boulevard

Freeport, Grand Bahama

The Bahamas

“Never Give Up: The Pathway To Success Begins With Me”

ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING:

Pastor LaQuez Williams

MODERATOR:

Deacon Erma Bain

PRELUDE MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL: *Instrumental*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: *Faithful Is Our God (Hezekiah Walker)*

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God
Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God
Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God
Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God

I'm reaping the harvest God promised me
Take back what the devil stole from me
And I rejoice today, for I shall recover it a
Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all

Faithful, faithful, faithful is our God
I'm reaping the harvest God promised me
Take back what the devil stole from me
And I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all
Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all

Holy, holy, holy is our God
Holy, holy, holy is our God
I'm reaping the harvest God promised me
Take back what the devil stole from me
And I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all
Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is our God
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is our God
I'm reaping the harvest God promised me
Take back what the devil stole from me
And I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all
Yes, I rejoice today, for I shall recover it all
For I shall recover it all

INVOCATION: Roshanda Rolle, BBA Management

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 Bahama land
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.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 27: 10-14, Isaiah 40: 9-10

Ronald Stubbs, BA, Social Work

This is God's Word on the subject: "As soon as Babylon's seventy years are up and not a day before, I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. "When you come looking for me, you'll find me. "Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed." God's Decree. "I'll turn things around for you. I'll bring you back from all the countries into which I drove you"—God's Decree—"bring you home to the place from which I sent you off into exile. You can count on it".

Climb a high mountain, Zion.

You're the preacher of good news.

Raise your voice. Make it good and loud, Jerusalem.

You're the preacher of good news.

Speak loud and clear. Don't be timid!

Tell the cities of Judah,

"Look! Your God!"

Look at him! God, the Master, comes in power,
ready to go into action. (The Message Bible)

MUSICAL SELECTION: Miss Monet Bethell, Guest Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 12: 1-2, Ephesians 3:20-21

Kezia Jolly, B.Ed. Primary Certification

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us, not by what we are and what we do for Him.

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! (The Message Bible)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: **Awesome** (*Charles Jenkins*)

My God is awesome, He can move mountains
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken
Strength where I've been weakened, forever He will reign

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My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome (x2)

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven
His grace is why I am living, praise His holy name

My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome (x2)

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty
Awesome, awesome

He's Holy... Awesome...	He's Holy... Awesome
He's Great... Awesome...	Provider...Awesome...
He's mighty... Awesome...	Protector... Awesome
Deliverer... Awesome...	

My god is awesome, He can move mountains
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken
Strength where I've been weakened
Praise His holy name

MESSAGE TO CANDIDATES: Pastor LaQuez Williams, *Executive Pastor*

PRAYER WITH RESPONSE:

Leaders: *Natasha Stuart, BBA, Accounting & Jaylon McPhee BBA, Management*
Response: *Congregation*

Leader: Our Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray faithfully for our country, for all nations of the world and for all institutions of learning. We ask thus Your blessings, O LORD, on the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, on all those who govern and lead our nation, on the Church and all its leaders, and on all peoples and institutions in all the nations of the world.

Response: *Direct this nation, the church and all nations of the world in the ways of righteousness, justice and truth, that peace and stability may prevail.*

Leader: With Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest, who lives forever and ever and intercedes eternally on our behalf, we hold up to Your tender mercy the leaders of all educational institutions and all those who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, that they may fulfill their high calling with humility, fairness and grace.

Response: *Give wisdom to all who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of Your people everywhere.*

Leader: We pray for the unfailing guidance of Your Holy Spirit on those who teach, as well as those who learn from their teachings. We ask Your blessings, particularly at this time, on the graduating class of 2019 of the University of The Bahamas, the instructors and all the other students of the University of The Bahamas. Enable them by Your grace to accept the demands of scholarship, the privilege of schooling and the responsibility of education.

Response: *Enlighten with Your Spirit all places of education and learning. In our schools, and especially the University of The Bahamas, may true knowledge, sound wisdom and godly discipline ever be found.*

Leader: We pray for all the departments, faculties and organizations within the University of The Bahamas, that their work may edify the people of this land and bear faithful witness to the University's purpose, its mission and vision.

Response: *Give us the courage and willingness to utilize our resources and talents rightly in the service of others and do it all to Your honor and glory.*

Leader: We thank you heavenly Father for your kindness, love and generosity and the life you have given us. For the gift of learning, for the class of 2019, for their parents, family and friends who have provided guidance, direction and support as well as counselled and empowered them to fulfill their academic dreams, ambitions and responsibilities, we especially thank you.

Response: *Strengthen the bonds of family to carry forward the work of You, our True Master Teacher; thank You for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts; unite us in Your truth and enfold us in Your love that through us Your glory may be revealed to the world.*

Leader: For ourselves and all who confess the Name and Word of Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech You, who has called us out of the darkness into Your marvelous light, for Your favor, Your mercy, Your grace and Your forgiveness of our sins, so that we may show forth Your excellence today and forevermore.

Response: *That our pursuits and the advancement of our skills may ever be in the service of that true humanity which is created in Your image, the image of God, please accept, O LORD, our thanks and praise for all You have done for us and continue to do for us.*

Leader: Enable us, O LORD, to be worthy of Your presence, and to glorify Your name and enhance the reputation of the University of The Bahamas as we continue in the pursuit of Knowledge, Truth, Integrity and Excellence.

Response: *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (All):

Merciful God, we commend to You ourselves and all those who 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. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION: Pastor LaQuez Williams

RECESSIONAL HYMN: I Won't Go Back (William McDowell)

I've been changed, healed, freed, delivered
I've found joy, peace, grace, and favor
I've been changed (I've been changed)
in the presence of the Lord, I've been (healed)
Freed (freed), delivered (delivered)
In your presence, Lord (I've found joy)
(Peace)
Grace (grace)
And favor (and favor)
And right now (right now is the moment)
And today (today is the day)
I've been changed (I've been changed)
I've been changed (I've been changed)
And I have waited (I have waited for this moment to come)
(and I won't let it pass me by)

So we say
I won't go back, can't go back, to the way it used to be

Before your presence came and changed me
Say I won't
I won't go back, I can't go back, to the way it used to be
Before your presence came and changed me

(All my shame, guilt, sins)
They've been forgiven (forgiven)
No more chains, fear
My past (my past) is over (is over)
Say right now (right now is the moment)
Today (today is the day)
I've been changed (I've been changed)
Come on someone declare that, I've been changed (I've been changed)
And I have waited (I have waited for this moment)
This moment right here I have waited all my life (to come)
(and I won't let it pass me by)

So we say
I won't go back, can't go back, to the way it used to be
Before your presence came and changed me
Would you lift up your voices as loud as you can and say?
I won't go back, I can't go back, to the way it used to be,
Before your presence came and changed me
Come on, somebody, lift your voice and declare it and say
I won't go back, I can't go back, to the way it used to be
Before your presence came and changed me
Somebody say I won't go back, say
I won't go back, I can't go back, to the way it used to be
before your presence came and changed me

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