



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

SPRING 2024

Baccalaureate Service

TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024 | 6:30 P.M.

Kingdom Worship Centre International
East Atlantic Drive
Freeport, Grand Bahama
The Bahamas

50 Years of Knowledge, Truth, Integrity

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional

Chariots of Fire Vangelis Papathanassiou | 1981

Moderator

Whitney Bain

National Anthem

March On Bahamaland

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;
March on to glory your bright banners waving high.
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!
Pledge to excel through love and unity.

Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;
Steady sunward, tho' the weather hide the wide and treacherous shoal.

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,
'Til the road you've trod lead unto your God, March On, Bahamaland
Timothy Gibson | 1973

Invocation

Lynn Cooper

Bachelor of Education-Secondary Certification | *Candidate*

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.

Praise and Worship

Kingdom Worship Centre International Praise Ministry

Welcome Remarks

Janyne Hodder

President (Acting), University of The Bahamas

Old Testament Reading

Abigail Jenoure

Bachelor of Science, Biology with Chemistry | *Candidate*

Proverbs 2:1-15 (MSG)

- 1** Good friend, take to heart what I'm telling you;
collect my counsels and guard them with your life.
- 2** Tune your ears to the world of Wisdom;
set your heart on a life of Understanding.
- 3** That's right—if you make Insight your priority,
and won't take no for an answer,
- 4** Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold,
like an adventurer on a treasure hunt,
- 5** Believe me, before you know it Fear-of-GOD will be yours;
you'll have come upon the Knowledge of God.
- 6** And here's why: GOD gives out Wisdom free,
is plainspoken in Knowledge and Understanding.
- 7** He's a rich mine of Common Sense for those who live well,
a personal bodyguard to the candid and sincere.
- 8** He keeps his eye on all who live honestly,
and pays special attention to his loyally committed ones.
- 9** So now you can pick out what's true and fair,
find all the good trails!
- 10** Lady Wisdom will be your close friend,
and Brother Knowledge your pleasant companion.
- 11** Good Sense will scout ahead for danger,
Insight will keep an eye out for you.
- 12** They'll keep you from making wrong turns,
or following the bad directions
- 13** Of those who are lost themselves
and can't tell a trail from a tumbleweed,
- 14** These losers who make a game of evil
and throw parties to celebrate perversity,
- 15** Traveling paths that go nowhere,
wandering in a maze of detours and dead ends.

Musical Selection

Gabrielle Styles

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management | *Candidate*

New Testament Reading

Evardneke Mortimer

Diploma in Education, Adult Workforce Education and Training | *Candidate*

Philippians 4:4-9 (MSG)

4Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him!

5Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

6Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

7Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

8Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.

9Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Musical Selection

Kingdom Worship Centre International Praise Ministry

Message to Graduands

Bishop Kermit Saunders

Senior Pastor | Kingdom Worship Centre International

Responsive Prayer

Reader

Gabriel Stubbs

Bachelor of Education, Secondary Certification-Biology | *Candidate*

Reader

Ayoub Key

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management | *Candidate*

Responses: Congregation

Reader

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of your people who pray in faith. We pray for The Bahamas, our Governor General, our Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, 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 promote peace and prosperity in our land. Transform their hearts to Thy fear, and direct their understanding to do those things that are acceptable to you.

Reader

Holy Father, 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 Gospel. May their witness be faithful and our worship sincere so as to bring glory to your name.

Reader

We pray for your continued blessing and guidance upon all institutions of higher learning. We beseech thee oh Lord, especially during this time as the University of The Bahamas commemorates its fiftieth anniversary. Please provide clear direction for our Board of Trustees, President, Administrators, Scholarship and Awards Donors, Faculty, Staff, and Students.

Response

Let your Holy Spirit, O God, rest upon all who administrate, teach, mentor, and serve 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 knowledge, truth, integrity, and delight in being outstanding citizens of our community.

Reader

God our Heavenly Father, your love is everlasting and your blessings infinite. We thank you for all the successes of the Graduating Class of 2024. We thank you for how you have developed our minds, challenged us towards excellence, and enabled us to persevere.

Response

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for parents, spouses, friends, employers, scholarship and award donors, and all those who have tirelessly contributed to fostering an emotionally and financially supportive environment for students pursuing their degrees. Bless them for their dedication and support. Continue to assist and guide them in all our endeavors.

Readers

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 parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children, so that our youth may grow up to become responsible citizens of our country.

All

Merciful God, we entrust ourselves to you, recognizing our need for your assistance and guidance. 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.

Benediction

Bishop Kermit Saunders

Senior Pastor

Recessional Hymn

Ancient Words

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.

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Changing me and changing you.
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