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*The Seventeenth of May  
Two Thousand and Nineteen  
Eight O'Clock in the Evening  
McFarlin Memorial Auditorium*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

CARILLON CONCERT

Quarter Past Seven in the Evening  
David Y. Son, Carillonneur  
Fondren Science Tower

PRELUDIAL CONCERT

Imperial Brass

PROCESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

*The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

R. Gerald Turner  
President of the University

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen W. Rankin  
Chaplain and Minister to the University

PSALM 145: SELECTED VERSES

I will extol you, O my God and King

**And I will bless your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised

**And His greatness is unsearchable.**

Generation after generation praises your works

**And proclaims your might.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,

**And let your faithful ones bless you.**

The Lord is faithful in all His words

**And holy in all His works.**

You open your hand

**And satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord

**And may all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

INVOCATION

Chaplain Rankin

HYMN TO JOY

“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”  
Imperial Brass  
Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and  
stoked the mind

with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
where Your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow  
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.

Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one returning, praise and thanks to You, their Source.

PRAYER FOR THE ILLUMINATION  
OF SCRIPTURE

Elizabeth Victoria Pietsch  
Candidate for the degree of  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Environmental Studies

LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE  
*Proverbs 8:1-11*

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Jan Edgar Langbein  
Chief Executive Officer of  
Genesis Women's Shelter and Support

RESPONSIVE PRAYER  
OF THANKSGIVING

Daniel T. Rosa  
Candidate for the degree of  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

Holy God, You have called us to be diligent teachers and eager learners in all that we do, both in this community and in Your larger world. Now send us forth into that world as Your willing servants.

**Give us the strength lightly to bear our joys and sorrows.**

**Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service.**

**Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our knees  
before insolent might.**

**Give us the strength to raise our minds high above earthly trifles.**

**And give us the strength to surrender our strength to Your will  
with love. Amen.**

Adapted from a Hindu Poem

HYMN

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”  
Imperial Brass

Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my words Thy presence find,  
and prove Thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes mine in most substance see,  
and labor on at Thy command,  
and offer all my works to Thee.

For Thee delightfully employ  
whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with Thee to heaven.

The time has come to go forth.

Senior Class: **We go in thanksgiving for all we have learned.**

This is a bittersweet moment.

Senior Class: **We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship, even as we bid farewell.**

This is a moment of anticipation.

Senior Class: **We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace all that awaits us.**

Go now in peace and hope, and may God's blessing accompany you always. Amen.

*Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which follows immediately.*

#### THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL

*One of the University's most symbolic traditions is Rotunda Passage, which includes both a processional and a recessional. Many of tonight's candidates for graduation began their lives at SMU by processing through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation in this auditorium, symbolizing their entrance to SMU. Tonight, all candidates will recess through the Rotunda as a symbolic departure from campus and out into their future as the newest members of the SMU alumni family. Alumni who are parents of graduating seniors are serving as marshals for tonight's recessional. They will help line the path between McFarlin Memorial Auditorium and Dallas Hall for the recessional participants.*

#### REMARKS

Nathaniel Avraham DeVera '19  
Student Body President

*Following remarks, the president of the Student Body passes the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2020, represented by Darian D. Taylor.*

George W. Killebrew IV '85  
Chair-elect of the SMU Alumni Board

#### CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Thomas B. Fomby  
Chief Marshal

#### ALMA MATER

"Varsity"  
Imperial Brass  
Meadows Vocal Performance Graduates

Oh we see the Varsity,  
Varsity, Varsity,  
As she towers o'er the hill  
Over there.  
And our hearts are filled with joy,  
SMU, SMU,  
Alma Mater, we'll be true  
Forever!

*Following "Varsity," all candidates will remain standing. As soon as the Platform Party is organized in a central aisle, ushers will help guests assemble on both sides of the walk to Dallas Hall. As guests fill the walkways, the Platform Party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals will organize the candidates' march.*

#### THE RECESSIONAL

Imperial Brass

## JAN EDGAR LANGBEIN

Jan Edgar Langbein is a community activist – and a champion of women. For more than 28 years, her personal mission has been to end violence against women. Serving as CEO of Genesis Women’s Shelter and Support in Dallas, Texas, she oversees the internal and external operations of a full service/critical response for victims of violence. In 2008, she was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as Senior Policy Advisor to the U. S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women



(OVW). She is a national spokesperson on the epidemic of violence that now affects one in three people. Jan is a recognized expert, and she is a frequent speaker at national conferences, universities, civic groups and businesses across the globe. She provides expert testimony in court cases and trains law enforcement, as well as prosecutorial professionals. Partnering with the Dallas Police Department, she co-founded the International Conference on Crimes Against Women.

Jan has received numerous awards, including the FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award, Mosaic Family Services Champion of Human Rights Award and the Texas Women’s Foundation Maura Award. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University. At SMU, our annual Women’s Symposium was proud to honor Jan with the Profiles in Leadership Community Award in 2003. We welcomed her as a speaker for TEDxSMUWomen in 2016, and she contributed to a Dedman Law School report on family violence in 2017. Last month, Jan received the George W. Bush Institute Trailblazer Citation from Mrs. Laura Bush – as part of the Institute’s Annual Forum on Leadership. This award honors an outstanding leader who has effected change and enriched the quality of life in the North Texas region. Her daughter, Sarah Langbein Lee, earned a bachelor of music degree in voice performance from SMU in 2002.

## THE SMU MCKENZIE BIBLE

The McKenzie Bible was printed in 1856 and once was the property of J.W.P. McKenzie, a pioneer in Methodist education in Texas. It was used continually by McKenzie, who established McKenzie College at Clarksville, once the largest institution of higher learning in Texas. This historic Bible was presented to SMU in 1916 by Mrs. Milton Ragsdale of Dallas, a niece of McKenzie.

The McKenzie Bible was first used at SMU’s 1916 Commencement Convocation, and the University is proud to use it at tonight’s Baccalaureate Service.



## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding: R. Gerald Turner, President of the University

Speaking: Jan Edgar Langbein, Chief Executive Officer of Genesis  
Women's Shelter and Support

Liturgist: Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

Lector: Elizabeth Victoria Pietsch, Candidate for the degree of  
Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Reader: Daniel T. Rosa, Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of  
Business Administration in Marketing

Musicians: Imperial Brass

Meadows School of the Arts Vocal Performance Graduates:

Griffin Lark Camacho, Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Music  
in Voice Performance

Olivia Margaretha Duncan, Candidate for the degree of Master of  
Music in Voice Performance

Sarah Ann Holt, Candidate for the degree of Master of Music in  
Voice Performance

Jennifer Christian Magill, Candidate for the degree of Master of  
Music in Voice Performance

## GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal

Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal *emeritus*

Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Platform Marshal

## BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

Nathan S. Balke

Jing Cao

Ruben L. F. Habito

Robert L. Harrod

David Sedman

Steven B. Vik

*For more information about tomorrow's Commencement activities,  
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