

BARD COLLEGE

ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH

COMMENCEMENT



Alumni/ae Memorial Service

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday
the twenty-third of August
two thousand twenty
Noon

*Chapel of the Holy Innocents
Annandale-on-Hudson, New York*

Organ Prelude

Concerto in F, Op. 4, No. 4: Andante

Renée Anne Louprette GCP '19

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Christ our Passover*Pascha nostrum**1 Corinthians 5:7–8; Romans 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 138*Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 51:1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1:68–79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 16:13–20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Mary Grace Williams

The Prayers of the People

The Officiant and People pray responsively

For our departed brothers and sisters, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brothers and sisters eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brothers and sisters to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brothers and sisters; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

In Memoriam

The following alumni/ae, faculty, and friends, whose deaths have been recorded since the alumni/ae service on May 26, 2019, are remembered in our prayers today.

Jeanette Aaron '56	Joseph Guadalupe '16	Janet Newman '52
George Acker	Stuart Hammerman	Sandra Nisson '55
Ellen Adler '48	Jay Hanus	Lucille Orzach
David Aurandt '94	Lincoln Hard '68	William Prescott '73
Thomas Ballinger '86	Marcelle Harrison '64	John Pruitt
Alexandros Bazekis '11	Thomas Harvey VI	Peter Rainey '62
Helene Bernstein '60	Joshua Haworth '93	Kwami K. Reynolds '92
Robert Bernstein	Michael Hayden '05	James Richey '52
Sybil Bernstein	David Hoddeson '52	Frederick Richmond
Peter Bohning '03	Kri Inglese '96	Kelly Robinson '93
Carla Bolte '71	Gabriele Bernhard Jackson '55	Robert Rosengard
Josh Brooks '69	Demetrios Karayannides	John Saladin '90
Anne Cox Chambers	Virginia Karl '73	Sandra Santos-Vizcaino '87
Karin Christian-Graves '81	Paul Kasmin	Monroe Scharff '48
Gwenn Cohen	Fatima (Natasha) Khalil '19	Jane Schiowitz '93
Edward Corning '54	Jamie Kibel	Peter Serkin
Francis Cox	Jeremy Kipnis '88	Jeffrey Sichel
Charles Dyson	Charles Klein '60	Alan Siegel
Christopher Edwards '95	Rachel Kopacz '19	Barry Silkowitz '71
Albert Ellenberg '61	Peter Koret '82	David Spodick '47
Stephen Estok '76	Bernard Kramarsky	Carol Stevens '64
Rutha Mae Neal Fincham '52	Werner Kramarsky	Stuart Stritzler-Levine
Hans Franzen	Mark Loftin	Hans Eric Tausig
Richard Friedman '61	Spiro Malas	Gordon Taylor '49
Luis Garcia-Renart	Victor Marrow '65	Rodney Taylor '99
Clyde Gatlin	J. Matthews '21	Richard Teitelbaum
Linda Gerber '72	Anne McLeod Koletzke '67	Naomi Ann Powers Thornton
Richard Gilder	John McNally	Gwendolyn Torsky '06
Willard Green	Gabriel Miller '95	Rhonda Tuton '82
Richard Greener '63	Edward Misch	Dorothy Vilches
Barbara Greener Ross '60	Toni Morrison	
Judith Grunberg	Charlene Newburg '49	

Officiant

Father of all, we pray to you for these departed alumni/ae and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Musical Meditation

“Bist du bei mir”

Isabella Argondizza '21

Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel (1690–1749)

*Be thou with me and I'll go gladly
To death and on to my repose
Ah, how my end would bring contentment,
If, pressing with thy hands so lovely,
Thou wouldst my faithful eyes then close.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past”

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
 our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
 Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Organ Postlude

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier,” BWV 706

Renée Anne Louprette

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The Reverend Mary Grace Williams

Bard College Chaplain

Richard Aldous

*Eugene Meyer Professor
of British History and Literature, assisting*

Leon Botstein

President of the College

Renée Anne Louprette GCP '19

Assistant Professor of Music; Bard College Organist

Salvatore Capaccio '20

Vocal Soloist

Isabella Argondizza '21

Vocal Soloist

THE COLLEGE PRAYER

O God, You have made and preserved this College, and set us here to learn Your Will: accept and sanctify our service by inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to live together in love, and joy, and peace.

In our work, give us the spirit of understanding and perseverance; in our prayers, the power to draw near to You; and in our games, true sportsmanship.

Perfect the good work which You have begun in us; that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may strive for the setting up of Your Kingdom in the world, to the honor and glory of Your name: through Him Who loved us, and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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