

BARD COLLEGE

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COMMENCEMENT



Alumni/ae Memorial Service

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday
the thirtieth of May
two thousand twenty-one
Noon

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

Prelude

Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 5,
HWV 293; Larghetto

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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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4:8

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 Priest 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

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.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: 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.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing 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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is

blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men 29–34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 3:1–17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 August 23, 2020, are remembered in our prayers today.

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| Ned Adams '51 | Peter Levy '68 |
| Gabriel V. Asfar | Richard M. Loving '46 |
| Victor Banlilon | Heather Jane McCormick '98 |
| Roderick Bromley '68 | Erwin Machol '59 |
| Floyd Burgher | Grace Markman '92 |
| Bryan Callaghan '21 | Sanford Mayshark '73 |
| Malcolm Cecil | Antonia Meltzoff '60 |
| Tennant Glenn Davitian '59 | Brian Moore |
| Terence Dewsnap | Catherine Moore |
| Harold Donohue '63 | William Mottoshiski |
| Judith Drum '64 | Richard Murphy |
| Dery Dyer '71 | Jonathan Oseas '52 |
| Kim Ellison | Joseph Palombo '73 |
| André Emelianoff | Aileen Passloff |
| Barbara Ess | Tam Phan '05 |
| Ryan Fabian '16 | Susan Playfair '62 |
| Robert Fenz '97 | F. Peter Rose '93 |
| Ashley Figueroa '22 | Zelda Gale Rose '51 |
| Richard Britton Fisher | Janet Sapadin '80 |
| Marie Gangemi '69 | Edwina Scharff '48 |
| Constance Gohl | Ezra Shahn '55 |
| Jeffrey Gold | Donald Shea |
| Marsha Goldfine | Melissa Shook '63 |
| Vartan Gregorian | Duane Sigler '56 |
| William Harnish '97 | Ellen Judith Tabachnick '74 |
| Amy Heil '90 | Charles Taylor '96 |
| Judith Heimann '54 | Timothy Thompson |
| John Henry | Donald Tober |
| Barbara Herst '52 | Rosemarie Vacca '49 |
| Barbara Italie '50 | Charles Wagner '80 |
| Robert Judd '68 | Renée Weiss '51 |
| Lisa Karrick '67 | Shirley Young |
| Carol Kessler '91 | Michael Zimmerman '59 |

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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

Maximillian Jansen VAP '21

Renée Anne Louprette

“If With All Your Hearts”

Felix Mendelssohn

from *Elijah*

(1809–47)

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
Ye shall ever surely find Me,
Thus saith our God.*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might even come before His presence.*

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,
Ye shall ever surely find Me,
Thus saith our God.*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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.**

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.**

Officiant

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.**

Dismissal

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

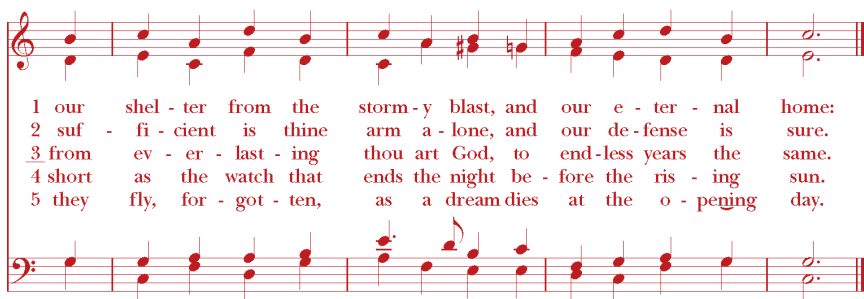
Romans 15:13

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,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
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)

Postlude

Renée Anne Louprette

Organ Concerto in F Major, Op. 4, No. 5: Alla Siciliana

G. F. Handel

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
College Organist*

Maximillian Jansen VAP '21

Tenor 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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