BACCALAUREATE

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The Baccalaureate Service is inherited from the universities of Western Europe and associated with the commencement exercises of American colleges and universities since colonial times. The service remains an integral part of the commencement exercises of many of America’s private colleges and universities, symbolizing the connection between these institutions and their religious origins. The University of Richmond was founded by Virginia Baptists, although it no longer has a formal religious affiliation. The Baccalaureate Service provides a time for worship and thanksgiving that reflects the diversity of faith traditions on our campus. This service recognizes the important milestone of graduation as we give thanks for our students and their achievements and look forward to the contributions each will make in the years ahead.

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
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning who has sparked and stoked the mind
(Sung to the tune of “Ode to Joy”)

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.

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There would I find a settled rest
And all my work be praise!

O may thy house be mine abode
Attend me all my days;
The sure provisions of my God
Doth still my table spread;
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Drives all my fears away.

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When I forsake His ways,
He brings my wand’ring spirit back,
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Musicians

JAMES RIVER BRASS
Buddy Deschler, trumpet
Mark LaFratta, trombone
Daniel Lewis, trumpet
Amy Roberts, french horn
Stephanie Ycaca, tuba

SCHOLA CANTORUM AND WOMEN’S CHORALE
Dr. Jeffrey Riehl, conductor
Associate Professor and Chair
Department of Music

Elise Favia, ’18, oboist
Olivia Haynes, ’18, flutist
Solomon Quinn, ’18, pianist

Sopranos
Emily Marie Breaux, ’21
Emma Riggs, ’21
Susan Shepardson, ’19
Aliya Sultan, ’20
Elaine Wissuchek, ’18
Allison Zhao, ’18

Altos
Adriana Barranco, ’18
Elise Favia, ’18
Shanna Gerlach, ’20
Olivia Gustafson, ’18
Lauren Guzman, ’20
Olivia Haynes, ’18
Abigail Kaiser, ’18
Cynthia Mustafa, ’18
Nancy Myers, ’18
Chiara Solitario, ’18

Tenors
Andrew Aguilera, ’18
Michael Olano, ’18

Basses
Benjamin Cook, ’18
Pierre Ducksworth Galloway, ’18
Brandon Johnson, ’20
Jacob Litt, ’18
Patrick Ndukwe, ’19
Morgan Simmonds, ’18
Duncan Trawick, ’18