Boston University

Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, October 3, 2021
11:00 AM
Daniel L. Marsh Chapel
Order of Celebration

*Please rise, as you are able.

Prelude  Marcia (from Symphonie No. 3)  Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)
Justin Thomas Blackwell, MM, CFA'09
Associate Director of Music, Marsh Chapel

Greeting  The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of Marsh Chapel

The Dean:  The Lord be with you.
People:  And also with you.
The Dean:  Lift up your hearts.
People:  We lift them up to the Lord!

*Introit  Cry out and shout  Knut Nystedt (1915–2014)

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!
Cry out and shout, ye people of God! Cry out and shout, Alleluia!

*Hymn

Tune: Lauda Anima; John Goss, 1869
Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
Arrangement: Scott Allen Jarrett, 2002

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
3. Father-like God tends and spares us; well our frame God knows;
4. Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;

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*Opening Prayer* The Reverend Dr. Jessica Chicka, STH’19
University Chaplain for International Students

**Lesson** Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
Dr. Jean Morrison
Provost of Boston University

The Provost: A lesson from the book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verses 1–8:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.


People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** Open thou mine eyes
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:
Incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk,
In the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God,
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
According to thy commandments,
In truth of spirit. In reverence of body,
In blessing of lips, In private and in public.

**Psalm 19:1–6** Father Kevin Staley-Joyce
University Chaplain for Catholic Students

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Leader: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

People: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

**Lesson** Romans 12:1–2, 9–13
Dr. Robert A. Brown
President of Boston University

The President: A lesson from Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 1–2 and 9–13:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

The President: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn**

Tune: Thaxted
Music: Gustav Holst, 1921, alt.
Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1. For the splendor of creation that draws us to inquire, for the mystery of the universe, for the summons of our spirits to the heights and depths, for the discipline of the human web.

2. For the scholar, past and present whose bounty we digest, for the deep and subtle beauty which the eye and ear, for the discipline of the logic, the struggle to be clear, for the unexplanied relationship that binds us through the years.

joy and pain for these learning, we give you thanks, O God.

O God.
*Collect* (spoken by all)

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman
University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Boston University, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. Amen.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER**

Dean Hill

**BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS**

Yolanda Kakabadse

*Clarissima*

Music: Brenton C. Patterson, CAS 1911

Text: Dean B. Doner, Vice President of Boston University (1973–1986)

**Prayers of the People**

Thomas Batson, BA, CAS’20, BM, CFA’20

At the Offertory

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made,
Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest; Come again ye children of men
For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

As soon as Thou scatterest them,
it are even as asleep and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and groweth up,
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

The years of our age are three score years and ten,
and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.
So passeth it away and we are gone.

Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants.
O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon.
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us.
Prosper Thou, O prosper Thou the work of our hands, O prosper Thou our handy work.

**Hymn**

*Hymn* Tune: Cwm Rhondda

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Descant and Arrangement: John Scott

Text: William Williams, 1745; in Welsh

Translation: Peter Williams and the author, 1771

**Benediction**

Dean Hill

*Response* God be in my head

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text: Old English Prayer from *Sarum Primer*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

**Postlude** Finale (from Symphonie No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

Mr. Blackwell

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music at Marsh Chapel. The soprano soloist is MaryRuth Lown, Marsh Chapel Choral Scholar. The baritone soloist is Craig Juricka, Marsh Chapel Choral Scholar. The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music. The brass ensemble is Majestic Brass.

The tenor soloist is Robert Schults.
We welcome to this service all students and their families. May God’s richest blessings be with all who graduate as they enter this new time in their lives. We welcome as our speaker this morning Yolanda Kakabadse.

Tread lightly, manage wisely. That theme lies at the heart of Yolanda Kakabadse’s more than 40 years as a conservationist and environmentalist.

An early proponent of sustainability in her native Ecuador, she founded two transformative organizations. Fundación Natura, in 1979, was dedicated to sustainable development in Ecuador. In 1993, she founded Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA) to promote sustainability across Latin America through conflict prevention and management. Ms. Kakabadse also served two years as minister of environment for the Republic of Ecuador. But her influence extends well beyond her native region. At the United Nations, she coordinated the participation of some 5,000 NGOs at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, at which a statement of principles for responsible development and the sustainable management of forests was adopted by more than 178 governments—further linking economic and environmental health. She served as president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and on the board of the World Resources Institute. And from 2010 to 2018, she was president of the World Wildlife Fund International, one of the world’s leading conservation organizations with more than five million supporters globally.

Keenly aware of the importance of biodiversity, she has led efforts to save several wildlife populations, including a project that doubled the number of tigers in the wild, and the helicopter rescue of an endemic species of turtle from a volcanic eruption in the Galápagos. But she works diligently as a steward of all life, identifying sustainable solutions for water, land, and chemical use.

Ms. Kakabadse studied educational psychology at Catholic University of Quito and throughout her career has promoted environmental education. Among many current relationships and commitments, she is on the advisory boards of Arabesque, a global asset management company, and the FFLA. She continues to advocate for sustainability and encourage us to live in harmony with each other and our planet.