Boston University

Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 16, 2021
noon
Warren Alpert Mall
Order of Celebration

*Please rise, as you are able.

PRELUDE
Majestic Brass Quintet

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
Invocation
William Billings (1746–1800)

Majestic God our muse inspire,
And fill us with seraphic fire,
Augment our swells, our tones refine,
Performance ours, the glory thine.

*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 peoples in distress;
3. Father-like God tends and spares us; well our frame God knows;
4. Angelic in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing,
mother-like God gently bears us, resuces us from all our foes.
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Wide by yet God's mercy flows.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
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 toweep, 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 My Lord, what a morning

Spiritual; arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

My Lord, what a morning,
My Lord, what a morning,
Oh, my Lord, what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways,
Gonna join that heavenly band.

Psalm 19:1–6

Dr. Jessica Chicka
University Chaplain for International 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: DIX
Music: Conrad Kocher, 1836; arr. W. H. Monk, 1861
Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1864

For the beauty of the earth,
and for the goodly fresh green
for the dearth of the flower
and the fruit of the earth;
for the sun and the moon,
and for all the stars of heaven;
for the hills and the depths
and the treasures that are kept
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.

*Collect (spoken by all)

Dr. Chicka
Introduction of the Baccalaureate Speaker

Dean Hill

Baccalaureate Address

Catherine D’Amato

*Clarissima

Music: Brenton C. Patterson, CAS 1911

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

Prayers of the People

The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman

University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

Anthem

Nunc dimittis

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Text: William Williams, 1745; in Welsh

Translation: Peter Williams and the author, 1771

*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

*Postlude

Majestic Brass Quintet

The Marsh Chapel Choral Scholars are conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music at Marsh Chapel. The organists are Dr. Jarrett and Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music. The brass ensemble is Majestic Brass.
We welcome you to this service. May God’s richest blessings be with all who graduate as they enter this new time in their lives. We welcome as our speaker today Catherine D’Amato.

Catherine D’Amato has been in the food industry since she was eight years old, first helping out in her father’s restaurant and now, as CEO and president of the Greater Boston Food Bank, providing nutritious meals to the hungry. In between, lies a lifetime of service.

In the 1970s, Ms. D’Amato ran a small, local food cupboard. She soon organized the area’s many similar operations into a larger, more efficient food pantry program and, in 1979, created the even larger San Francisco Food Bank to supply those pantries. From there, she moved east as executive director of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, where she established the first food bank farm in the United States, inspiring dozens of food banks to follow suit. In 1995, Ms. D’Amato assumed leadership of the Greater Boston Food Bank, which, at the time, distributed 7.5 million meals per year. Today, the food bank is a $100 million charitable organization, serving 82 million healthy meals each year through more than 600 distribution sites in 190 cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts.

Ms. D’Amato holds a bachelor’s degree in theology from the University of San Francisco and business management certificates from Harvard University and Smith College. She serves on the boards of trustees of Fidelity Charitable and Eastern Bank and the boards of directors of the Forsyth Institute and the Massachusetts Food Association.

She continues to work to end food insecurity with the belief that fresh, healthful foods can help move people from dependency to roles as thriving contributors.