

PRINCETON  
COMMENCEMENT  
2024

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH

# Baccalaureate

God has shown you what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you?  
Only to do justice and be steadfast in love,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

-*Micah 6:8*

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR



# The Order of Service

*Please stand for those parts of the service marked with an \*.*

## Organ Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547  
-Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Eric Plutz, University Organist

## \*Processional

*Please stand when the procession enters the chapel.*

Fanfare for the Common Man  
-Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Cortège Académique  
-Ernest MacMillan (1893–1973)

Crown Imperial  
-William Walton (1902–1983)

Adrienne Ostrander, Timpanist

## Order of the Procession

Chapel Choir

Chief Marshal for University Convocations  
*Sandra L. Bermann*

Marshals  
*Patricia Fernández-Kelly*  
*Clarence W. Rowley '95*  
*Claire F. Gmachl*  
*Keith A. Wailoo*

The Class of 2024

Associate Chief Marshal  
*Richard A. Register*

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*Theresa S. Thames*  
*Matthew C. Weiner*

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*Jeff E. Nunokawa*

Dean of Religious Life and of the Chapel  
*Alison L. Boden*

Baccalaureate Speaker  
*Nusrat J. Choudhury \*06*

President  
*Christopher L. Eisgruber '83*

Marshal  
*Stacy Wolf*

## \*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the storms of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,  
Earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you,  
Center of unbroken praise,  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,  
All who love belong to you;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
By that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began.  
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,  
Reconciling race and clan.  
Ever singing, move we forward,  
Faithful in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us onward  
In the triumph song of life.

-Text: Henry van Dyke (1852–1933)

-Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)

## \*Invocation

Dean Boden

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome

President Eisgruber

## Bhagavad Gita 2:47–48

Arjun Jagjivan '24

## Qur'ān surah 93

Mariam Latif '24

## Psalm 19:1-10

Julie Levey '24

- Leader:* The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth God's handiwork.
- People:* One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- Leader:* Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- People:* Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
- Leader:* In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- People:* It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- Leader:* The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- People:* The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- Leader:* The fear of the Lord is pure and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- People:* More to be desired are they than gold. More than fine gold; sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

## James 1:22–27

Chioma Ugwonalie '24

## Anthem

“Look to This Day”  
-Nathan Zullinger

Nicole Aldrich, Director of Chapel Music

## Introduction of the Speaker

President Eisgruber

## Baccalaureate Address

Judge Choudhury

*Please stand.*

## \*Prayers of the People

Dean Thames

- Leader:* Blessed are you, O God, creator of life: You give us purpose and hope.
- People:* Grant us wisdom in the use of our gifts, our talents, and our lives.
- Leader:* Blessed are you, eternal truth: You give us minds to know you in the things that you have made.
- People:* Fill us with wonder and reverence for the earth.
- Leader:* Blessed are you, source of all mercy: You know our weakness and are always ready to forgive.
- People:* Teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Leader:* Blessed are you, lover of souls: You bind in one community the living and the dead.
- People:* May our works honor those who came before us, and serve those who will come after.
- Leader:* Blessed are you, well-spring of all wisdom.
- People:* Guard this University and all who serve it.

## \*Prayer for Princeton

Dean Boden

*To be said by all.*

O Eternal God, the source of life and light for all peoples, we pray you would endow this University with your grace and wisdom:  
Give inspiration and understanding to those who teach and to those who learn;  
Grant vision to its trustees and administrators;  
To all who work here and to all who bear her name give your guiding Spirit of sacrificial courage and loving service. Amen.

## \*Blessings

Harpreet Kaur '24

Brian Sheng-Kai Li '24

Alice McGuinness '24

## \*Choral Response

“O God, You Have Called Your Servants”

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go but that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Amen

-Michael Wolniakowski

## \*Benediction

Dean Thames

## \*Hymn

*Please remain standing until the recession has left the chapel.*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God’s command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of our God  
That filled the Earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word,  
And then pronounced them good.  
Oh, how your wonders are displayed,  
Where’er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the sky!

On Earth there’s not a plant or flower  
But makes your glory known.  
The clouds arise and spread their showers  
By order from your throne.  
All life is but a gift from you  
And ever in your care;  
Wherever people gather, you,  
O God, are present there.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

## Postlude

Cortege from *Mlada*  
-Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908)  
arr. Eric Plutz

Final from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14  
-Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

## About the Baccalaureate Service

This is an interfaith service, reflecting the diversity of religious life at Princeton University. As its name suggests, the Baccalaureate service is a celebration focused especially on the members of the senior class—those receiving bachelor’s degrees. The Baccalaureate address is one of the University’s oldest traditions. Speakers at Baccalaureate are chosen for their capacity to speak on topics related to human values, broadly considered.

Princeton enjoys the presence of all of the world’s major religious traditions; a single service such as Baccalaureate could never encompass all of them. The students who are leading the service have been selected because of their outstanding contribution to religious life at Princeton; and hence it is their particular traditions that are represented this year.

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[commencement.princeton.edu/photos](http://commencement.princeton.edu/photos).*

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