Yale University

Baccalaureate Ceremony

May 21, 2023

New Haven, Connecticut
PROCESSIONAL
Please stand as you are comfortable.
Selections from Danserye  Tylman Susato, 1500–1561

WELCOME
Please be seated.
Pericles Lewis  Dean of Yale College

OPENING PRAYER
Sharon M. K. Kugler  University Chaplain

READINGS
The Gayatri Mantra (Hinduism)
  Rama Varanasi  Grace Hopper College ’23
Psalm 43:3–4 (Judaism)
  Maayan Schoen  Davenport College ’23
Matthew 5:14-16 (Christianity)
  Marvin Durogene  Silliman College ’23
Qur’an 24:35 (Islam)
  Alysha Siddiqi  Timothy Dwight College ’23

HYMN
Please stand as you are comfortable.
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee.  Tune: Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

READINGS
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ANTHEM
The Yale Glee Club
Jeffrey Jay Douma  Director
Alleluia  Randall Thompson, 1899–1984

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS
Peter Salovey  University President

HYMN
Please stand as you are comfortable.
God of all people.  Tune: National Hymn

God of all people, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.
BENEDICTION
Maytal Saltiel  
Associate University Chaplain

RECESSIONAL
Please be seated during the recessional.
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Tylman Susato, 1500–1561

BACCALAUREATE TRADITIONS
Those sitting on the platform are the president, provost, and secretary and vice president for university life; the deans of Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; the university chaplain and members of the chaplaincy; the senior associate, associate, and assistant deans of Yale College; the heads and deans of the residential colleges; the dean of undergraduate admissions; the director of athletics; and the executive director of the Yale Alumni Association.

Since Yale’s first century, students and faculty members have gathered before Commencement for Baccalaureate ceremonies. The name of the ceremony comes from one of the earliest terms applied to the university degree of bachelor, and Yale students receiving the degree continue to assemble for this event in the university’s fourth century.

Today, reflecting the diversity of faith traditions on campus, student leaders from several religions participate in the program by reading from sacred texts. Continuing tradition, chaplains offer prayers, and hymns and an anthem are sung.
DIGITAL PROGRAM AND LIVESTREAM
An accessible PDF of this program, as well as a captioned broadcast of the ceremony, can be found on the Yale 2023 website by visiting yale2023.yale.edu or hovering your phone’s camera over the code at left.

GUEST RESOURCES
For details to help families and guests navigate their time in New Haven, including parking and shuttle information, accessibility services, public safety resources, and frequently asked questions, hover your phone’s camera over the code at left.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
For graduates of Yale College, Baccalaureate is the first of several formal ceremonies that comprise Commencement Weekend.

The other major scheduled events are:

Yale College Class Day
Sunday, May 21, 2023
2:00 PM
Old Campus

University Commencement *(Ticket holders only)*
Monday, May 22, 2023
10:30 AM *(Gates open at 8:00 AM)*
Old Campus

Diploma Ceremonies
Monday, May 22, 2023
*The diploma ceremonies are held immediately following the conclusion of Commencement exercises and take place in each residential college courtyard. A map of diploma ceremony locations is available at yale2023.yale.edu.*