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BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

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SEMINARY CHAPEL

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

PRELUDE

HYMN

MELITA

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour thy joys on human kind;
From sin and sorrow set us free,
And make thy temples worthy thee.
2. O source of uncreated light,
The Father's promised Paraclete,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
Our hearts with heavenly love inspire;
Come, and thy sacred unction bring
To sanctify us while we sing.
3. Plenteous of grace, descend from high
Rich in thy sevenfold energy;
Make us eternal truths receive,
And practice all that we believe;
Give us thyself, that we may see
The Father and the Son by thee.
4. Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend the almighty Father's Name;
The Saviour Son be glorified,
Who for lost man's redemption died;
And equal adoration be,
Eternal Paraclete, to thee. Amen.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-76

CALL AND RESPONSE:

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.*

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Word of the Lord.
I have created you. I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.

People: *And we are your witnesses!*

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Word of the Lord.
I will not leave you alone. I will come to you. I will send you
another Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth.

People: *And we are your witnesses!*

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Word of the Lord.
When the Spirit comes he will guide you into all the truth and
he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will
glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

People: *And we are your witnesses!*

Leader: Hear, O Israel, the Word of the Lord.
Go, therefore! Preach the Gospel I have delivered to you.
Be my Body in the world.

People: *We are your witnesses, to the ends of the earth. Amen!*

COVENANT ACT:

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.
He has anointed us to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and
recovering of sight to the blind;
to set at liberty those who are oppressed;
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord;
to preach the Gospel of Peace.

Let us bear witness to the Father who made us, the Son who redeems us, and the Spirit who calls us together and sends us out.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us all pray:

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Bless us, when we are all together with one consent in one place, and grant that in our common life we may know the coming of your spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love and strengthen our lives for service to the greatest and to the least: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

SOLO: "The Lord is My Shepherd" Anton Dvorak

THE SECOND LESSON

HYMN WAREHAM

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| 1. Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
O'er every thought and step preside. | 3. Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God. |
| 2. The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart. | 4. Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fulness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God our final rest,
To be with him for ever blest. Amen. |

Simon Browne, 1680-1732

THE HOMILY

SOLO: "I Will Sing a New Song Unto Thee" Anton Dvorak

THE PRAYERS:

Leader: In these troubled times, we search for God's direction.

People: *Lord, Send your Spirit.*

Leader: For our nation's leaders, representatives, and lawmakers,

People: *Lord, Send your Spirit.*

Leader: For those who make and for those who break the law,
For those who give up too soon and for those who quit too late,

People: *Lord, Send your Spirit.*

Leader: For those who are uneducated, unskilled, unwanted,
unemployed,
For those whose eyes are empty, whose tears are large,
whose bodies ache,

People: *Lord, Send your Spirit.*

Leader: For those who are filled with new hope, new incentive,
new creation,
For those who love instead of hate, who must bury their dead
children and go on living,
For those who are not overwhelmed by indifference, apathy or
wealth,

People: *Lord, Send your Spirit.*

Leader: For those who still hear the rush of a mighty wind,
For those who dare to see visions and dream dreams,

People: *Lord, send your Spirit on us all.*

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

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| 1. Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight. | 3. Holy Spirit, power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive. |
| 2. Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in thy pure fire. | 4. Holy Spirit, peace divine,
Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
Stayed in thy tranquility. |
| 5. Holy Spirit, right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
Be my law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, for ever free. Amen. | |

Samuel Longfellow, 1819-92

POSTLUDE

Participants:

Miss Lilian Kilianski, graduate, is the Soloist.

Ms. Mavis Lewin, President of the W.L.U. Staff Association, is the first Lector

Dr. Eduard R. Riegert, Dean of the Chapel, is the Liturgist.

Ms. Carol J. Schlueter, graduate, is the second Lector.

Dr. Lawrence E. Toombs, Religion & Culture, is the Homilist.

Mrs. Jane Walmsley, graduate, is the Organist.