**Texas Lutheran University**

**Baccalaureate Service / Jackson Auditorium**

**May 7, 2022 2:00 p.m.**

**Prelude**

*O Lamb of God* J.S. Bach

Gayle Morris, University Organist

**Processional Hymn**

ELW 731: “Earth and All Stars!”

*(Gayle Morris, University Organist; Crucifer, James Carter Montgomery, Graduate of Dramatic Media)*

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

God has done marvelous things.

I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son! Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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**Greeting**

Rev. Wes Cain, Campus Pastor

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Welcome**

Dr. Debbie Cottrell, University President

**Choral Anthem**

*Make Some Noise – Get in Trouble*                    Roland Marvin Carter

Texas Lutheran University Choir

Deb Mayes, piano; Dr. Liliana Guerrero, soprano; Rudy Valero, percussion

**Call to Worship**

Kacie Hall, Graduate of Education

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

**C: Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places**

L: God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world

**C: To be holy and blameless before him in love**

L: God destined each of us for adoption

**C: We are God’s children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God’s will.**

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**C: Who has blessed us in Christ with the freely given gifts of grace and love. Amen.**

**Hymn**

ELW 724: “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*(Gayle Morris, University Organist)*

1 All who love and serve your city,

all who bear its daily stress,

all who cry for peace and justice,

all who curse and all who bless,

2 In your day of loss and sorrow,

in your day of helpless strife,

honor, peace, and love retreating,

seek the Lord, who is your life.

3 In your day of wealth and plenty,

wasted work and wasted play,

call to mind the word of Jesus,

"You must work while it is day."

4 For all days are days of judgment,

and the Lord is waiting still,

drawing near a world that spurns him,

off'ring peace from Calv'ry's hill.

5 Risen Lord, shall yet the city

be the city of despair?

Come today, our judge, our glory.

Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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**Psalm 67**

Kylie Zochert, Graduate of Dramatic Media and Social Entrepreneurship

**1** Let God grant us grace and bless us;

let God make his face shine on us,

**2** so that your way becomes known on earth,

so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.

**3** Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

**4** Let the people celebrate

and shout with joy

because you judge the nations fairly

and guide all nations on the earth.

**5** Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

**6** The earth has yielded its harvest.

God blesses us—our God blesses us!

**7** Let God continue to bless us;

let the far ends of the earth honor him.

**Gospel Reading**

John 5:1-9

Trish Snow, Area Coordinator and Interim Title IX Director

**1** After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, **3** and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there.k **5** A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

**7** The sick man answered him, “Sir,l I don’t have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I’m trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me.”

**8** Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” **9** Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

## Unity in the Body of Christ

**Song of Praise**

“All The Poor and Powerless”

*(Student Praise Band)*

All the poor and powerless

And all the lost and lonely

And all the thieves will come confess

And know that You are holy

And know that You are holy

And all will sing out

Hallelujah

And we will cry out

Hallelujah

All the hearts who are content

And all who feel unworthy

And all who hurt with nothing left

Will know that You are holy

And all will sing out

Hallelujah

And we will cry out

Hallelujah

[x2]

Shout it

Go on and scream it from the mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses

That He is God

[x5]

We will sing out

Hallelujah

And we will cry out

Hallelujah

We will sing out

Hallelujah

Shout it

Go on and scream it from the mountains

Go on and tell it to the masses

That He is God

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**Sermon**

Rev. Wes Cain, Campus Pastor

**Song of Praise**

“How He Loves”

*(Student Praise Band)*

And He is jealous for me.

Love's like a hurricane. I am a tree,

Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy.

When all of a sudden,

I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory.

And I realize just how beautiful You are,

And how great Your affections are for me.

And, oh, how He loves us, oh.

Oh, how He loves us.

How He loves us, oh.

And He is jealous for me.

Love's like a hurricane. I am a tree,

Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy.

When all of a sudden,

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And I realize just how beautiful You are,

And how great Your affections are for me.

And, oh, how He loves us, oh.

Oh, how He loves us.

How He loves us, oh.

Yeah, He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves.

And we are His portion and He is our prize,

Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes.

If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking.

And Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss.

And my heart turns violently inside of my chest.

I don't have time to maintain these regrets,

When I think about the way...

That He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves.

Yeah, He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves.

Yeah, He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us.

Oh, how He loves.

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**The Prayers**

Emily Stewart, Graduate of Business Management

Gayle Morris, University Organist

Hymn ELW 752: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (2x)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

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L: Good and Gracious God, we know that it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows and give peace to all your people, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. As we gather on this day of celebration we are very aware that your world does not know the fullness of your peace and justice. We pray for the victims of violence, we pray for nations at war, we pray for those who suffer from hunger and poverty. We pray for those who suffer from illness, loss, and despair. Even as you reach out to those in need in this moment, may we be inspired to use our gifts and talents to do the same, that all the world might know your peace which guards hearts and minds and surpasses all understanding.

Lord in your mercy ….

Hymn: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (1x)

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place*

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

L: Good and Gracious God, we give you thanks for this day of graduation. We give you thanks for talents and gifts discovered, for mission and purpose revealed, for calling us out and into the world to make a difference. We give you thanks for professors who have shared of their passion and knowledge; for staff who have supported and challenged us; for friends who have journeyed beside us; and for our families who have loved and supported us. We give you thanks for this community of faith and learning.

Lord in your mercy ….

Hymn: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (2x)

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place*

*Lord, listen to your children praying*

*Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

L: And now, O God, hear the gathered body as we pray the words our Savior taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,*

*hallowed be they name,*

*thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done,*

*on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread;*

*and forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those who trespass against us;*

*and lead us not into temptation*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory,*

*Forever and ever. Amen*

**Parting Litany**

Jessica Anderson, Director of Advising Support

L: Lord of moments to come and memories past, bless these graduates as they continue their journey. May they never forget the people they have encountered at Texas Lutheran University and the experiences that have shaped them.

**Graduates: Creating God, you have been at work in our life as a community here at Texas Lutheran University. Here we have feasted on the Bread of Life. And here we have heard your voice calling us to be change the world. We give thanks for the family and friends who have supported and loved us. We give thanks for the faculty and staff that have taught us and inspired us. Here in this place we have been blessed in so many ways and for this we are forever grateful.**

*Congregation: Bless, O God, all that these graduates attempt. May they be the world-changers who are called the children of God. As they begin new journeys, as they enter into new communities, may they carry with them the confidence that comes from knowledge, the encouragement that comes from friendship, and the peace that comes from purpose.*

L: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through events unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn**

ELW 574: “Here I Am, Lord”

*(Gayle Morris, University Organist)*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin

my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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**Benediction**

Rev. Wes Cain, Campus Pastor

As you go your way, may God go with you,

before you to show you the way,

behind you to encourage you,

beside you as friend,

above you to watch over,

and within you to give you peace.

In the name of Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Choral Benediction**

*What the Light Shines Through* Susan LaBarr

Texas Lutheran University Choirs

**Dismissal**

Riley Friedle, Graduate of History

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Recessional**

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty* Max Reger

Gayle Morris, University Organist

**Special Thanks to Our Service Leaders**

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