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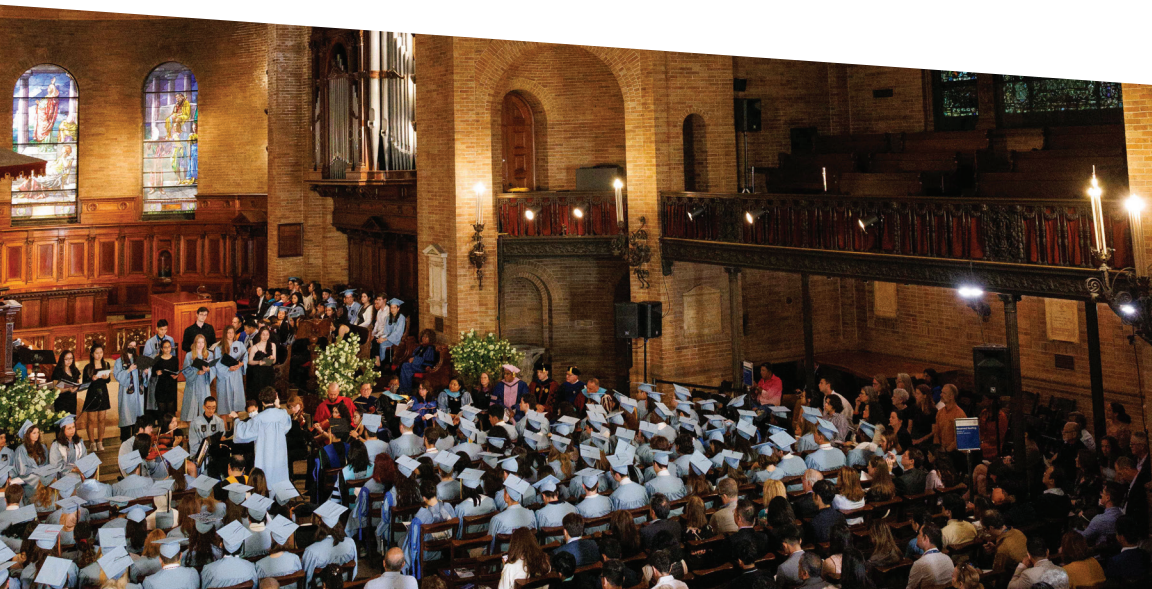


**BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

**2024**

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL › 10:00 A.M.





ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Religious Life Advisers

Student Speakers

Dean of Religious Life

Senior Vice President, Student Affairs, University Life

Dean of Undergraduate Student Life, Columbia College and the Fu Foundation  
School of Engineering and Applied Science

Dean of the School of General Studies

Dean of the College, Barnard College

Dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and  
Applied Science

Dean of Columbia College

University Chaplain

# 2024 ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

Reilly Xu  
*Columbia College, 2024*  
*Student Organist*

*Great Fantasia in G Minor, BMV 542a*

Sir Edward Elgar

## PROCESSIONAL

Dina Foster-Osbourne  
*Organist*

*Crown Imperial (Coronation March)*

William Walton

## OPENING WORDS

Jewelnel Davis  
*University Chaplain*  
*Associate Provost*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKERS

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg  
*Dean of Religious Life*

REFLECTIONS

Shloka V. Janapaty  
*School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2024*  
*Hindu*

kārpaṇya-doṣhopahata-svabhāvaḥ  
pṛichchhāmi tvām dharma-sammūḍha-chetāḥ  
yach-chhreyaḥ syānniśchitaṁ brūhi tanme  
śhiṣhyaste 'haṁ śhādhi mām tvām prapannam ...  
sribhagavān uvāca ...

na jāyate mriyate vā kadāchin  
nāyam bhūtvā bhavitā vā na bhūyaḥ  
ajo nityaḥ śhāśhvato 'yam purāṇo  
na hanyate hanyamāne śharīre

achchhedyo 'yam adāhyo 'yam akledyo 'śhoṣhya eva cha  
nityaḥ sarva-gataḥ sthāṇur achalo 'yam sanātanaḥ

Lord, I am confused about my duty, and am besieged with anxiety and  
faintheartedness. Please advise me on the best course of action.

Sri Krishna responds: For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He  
has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being.  
He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is  
slain.

This individual soul is unbreakable and insoluble, and can be neither burned nor  
dried. He is everlasting, present everywhere, unchangeable, immovable and eternally  
the same.

Chapter 2, Verses 7, 20 and 24, Prabhupada, S. Bhaktivedanta. *Bhagavad Gita as It  
Is*. Intermex Publishing, 2006.

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Allegra Walker  
*Columbia College, 2024*  
*Episcopalian*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and instruct people in all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16–20

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Gesher/Troubled Waters*

Paul Simon  
Arranged by Michael Kirschner

Pizmon

Rochelle Berman, *Barnard College/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2027*  
Adeena Bromberg Seltzer, *Barnard College/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2025*  
Ilan Cohen, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2024*  
Dore Fish-Bieler, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2025*  
Gabriel Freedman-Naditch, *School of General Studies/  
Jewish Theological Seminary, 2026*  
Alix Gilkarov, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2026*  
Maytal Polonetsky, *Barnard College, 2027*  
Rachel Rumstein, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2025*  
Zack Singerman, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2027*  
Yaya Spitzer Tilchin, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2027*  
Naomi Walthour, *Barnard College, 2024*

REFLECTIONS

Hannah Sara Vorchheimer  
*Barnard College, 2024*  
*Jewish*

What did Abraham resemble? A vial of myrrh sealed with a tight lid and lying in a corner, so that its fragrance was not diffused; as soon as it was moved, however, its fragrance was diffused. Similarly, God said to Abraham: “Travel from place to place, and your name will become great in the world!”—So—“Go forth.” “Lekh lekha.”

Genesis Rabbah (c. 375), *Lekh Lekha*, 39

Joel Raju Kattady  
*Columbia College, 2024*  
*Catholic*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Preface from the Roman Missal

MUSICAL SELECTION

*Requiem in D Minor, K. 626: Lacrymosa*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Columbia University Bach Society

Suleyman Ahmed, *Columbia College, 2024*

Ayla Dhar, *Barnard College, 2026*

Colin Guan, *Columbia College, 2026*

Julia Holder, *Columbia College, 2024*

Chongyuan Hong, *Columbia College, 2024*

Shubhashree Iyer, *School of Professional Studies, 2024*

Danika Kello, *Barnard College, 2027*

Ania Lakritz, *School of Social Work, 2025*

Yuxuan Lin, *The Juilliard School, 2025*

Ana Mateo-Jerez, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2026*

David Newton, *Journalism School, 2023*

Nitya Nigam, *Columbia College, 2025*

Sami Omaish, *School of General Studies, 2025*

Sofia Ouyang, *Columbia College, 2024*

Rohil Sabherwal, *Columbia College, 2024*

Claire Schnatterbeck, *Columbia College, 2024*

Corinna Singer, *Columbia College, 2024*

Masha Sokolova, *Columbia College, 2024*

Jessica Wu, *Columbia College, 2026*

Kelsey Yao, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2026*



FAMILY TRIBUTE

Juliet Monireh Bogan  
*Barnard College, 2024*  
*Baha'i*

My God, my Adored One, my King, my Desire! What tongue can voice my thanks to Thee? I was heedless, Thou didst awaken me. I had turned back from Thee, Thou didst graciously aid me to turn towards Thee. I was as one dead, Thou didst quicken me with the water of life. I was withered, Thou didst revive me with the heavenly stream of Thine utterance which hath flowed forth from the Pen of the All-Merciful.

Bahá'u'lláh, Baha'i Prayers

REFLECTIONS

Noreen Mayat  
*Barnard College, 2024*  
*Muslim*

When My worshippers ask you about Me, I am close indeed — I respond to the prayer of the supplicant when one calls on Me, so let them call upon Me, and let them believe in Me, that they may go the right way.

Quran 2:186

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James Vaughn  
*Columbia College, 2024*  
*Christian*

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28–31

## MUSICAL SELECTION

*Dokhino Hawa x Kalank*

S.D. Burman and Pritam Chakraborty  
Arranged by Sankrith Ramani and Farihah Chowdhury  
Lyrics by Mira Dev Burman and Amitabh Bhattacharya

CU Sur

Farihah Chowdhury, *Columbia College, 2024*  
Zoya Fazal, *Barnard College, 2024*  
Kent Liu, *Columbia College, 2025*  
Akshay Nambudiripad, *Columbia College, 2025*  
Neha Narayan, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2024*  
Sanjay Natesan, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2025*  
Sankrith Ramani, *Columbia College 2027*  
Shaurir Ramanujan, *Columbia College, 2025*  
Ashna Shah, *Barnard College, 2027*

REFLECTIONS

Gurnoor Singh Viridi  
*Columbia College, 2024*  
*Sikh*

saadhoo sa(n)game haa(n)  
pooran sa(n)jame haa(n)  
jab te chhuTe aap haa(n)  
tab te miTe taap haa(n)  
kirapaa dhaareea haa(n)  
pat rakh banavaareea mere manaa.

Joining the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy,  
I gained perfect control over my senses.  
Ever since I rid myself of my self-conceit,  
my sufferings have ended.  
He has showered His Mercy upon me.  
The Creator Lord has preserved my honor, O my mind.

Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Guru Arjan Dev Ji, Raag Asa, Ang 410

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Mimi Broches

*School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2024*  
*Jewish*

לא יפטר אדם מחברו לא מתוך שיחה, ולא מתוך שחוק, ולא מתוך קלות ראש, ולא מתוך  
דברים בטלים, אלא מתוך דבר הלכה

A person should not leave a friend in the midst of a conversation, a joke, levity, or purposeless matters. Instead, one should leave a friend with a matter of teaching.

Babylonian Talmud, Berakhot 31a

הדרו עלינו... והדרו עלנו

We will return to you [the text] and you will return to us.

The Hadran

MUSICAL SELECTION

*My Way*

Paul Anka, Claude Francois, and Jacques Revaux  
Arranged by Jonathan Nechemiah Cohen

Columbia Clefhangers

Haman Abdulmalek, *Columbia College, 2025*

Angela Ahn, *Columbia College, 2024*

Moe Alghawi, *Mailman School of Public Health, 2025*

Charlotte Andreano, *Columbia College, 2025*

Tas Azman, *Teachers College, 2025*

Edwin Ding, *Columbia College, 2024*

Dori Dong, *Barnard College, 2026*

Linhan Dong, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2026*

Mia Gonzalgo, *Columbia College, 2026*

Cecily Gubser, *Columbia College, 2025*

Madeleine Li, *Columbia College, 2027*

Lucie Lin, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2027*

Alif Masron, *Columbia College, 2026*

Daniel Perkes, *School of Professional Studies, 2024*

Miranda Ye, *Barnard College, 2027*

CLOSING WORDS

Chaplain Jewelnel Davis

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RECESSIONAL

*Tuba Tune*

Craig Stellar Lang

POSTLUDE

Dina Foster-Osbourne

*Organist*

*Toccata from Suite Gothique, op. 25*

Léon Boëllmann

## BACCALAUREATE PIN

The design of the 2024 Baccalaureate pin is inspired by the Guastavino tiles of St. Paul's Chapel and the mosaic formed by our diverse religious communities at Columbia. These communities embody the mission engraved above the door of Earl Hall, "That religion and learning may go hand in hand, and character grow with knowledge." All undergraduate seniors who attend the service receive this special commemorative pin.

## BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate Service is believed to have originated in a statute of 1432 at Oxford University requiring each bachelor to deliver a sermon in Latin as part of his academic exercise. Since the earliest universities in this country were founded primarily to educate ministers, the British practice of a Baccalaureate Service was continued.

The tradition of the Baccalaureate Service at Columbia University began after the move to the Morningside Heights campus in 1897. The Baccalaureate Service is a multifaith celebration of undergraduate commencement.

This service is prepared and coordinated by the Commencement Office and the Office of Religious Life.

