



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
BACCALAUREATE 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 › ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL  
TEN IN THE MORNING



ORDER OF PROCESSION  
2022

Religious Life Advisers

Student Speakers

Dean of Religious Life

Vice President, Student Affairs, University Life

Executive Vice President, 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

# 2022 ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL

Dr. Malcolm J. Merriweather  
*Organist*

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

*C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)*

## OPENING WORDS

Jewelnel Davis  
*University Chaplain*  
*Associate Provost*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKERS

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

## READING

Benjamin Barth  
*Columbia College, 2022*  
*Jewish*

The *masorah* [tradition] community cuts across the centuries, indeed millennia, of calendaric time and unites those who already played their part, delivered their message, acquired fame, and withdrew from the covenantal stage quietly and humbly with those who have not yet been given the opportunity to appear on the covenantal stage and who wait for their turn in the anonymity of the “about to be.”

Thus, the individual member of the covenantal faith community feels rooted in the past and related to the future. The “before” and the “after” are interwoven in his time experience. He is not a hitchhiker suddenly invited to get into a swiftly travelling vehicle which emerged from nowhere and from which he will be dropped into the abyss of timelessness while the vehicle will rush on into parts unknown, continually taking on new passengers and dropping the old ones. Covenantal man begins to find redemption from insecurity and to feel at home in the continuum of time and responsibility which is experienced by him in its endless totality, **מְלוּעַ דְּעוּ מְלוּעַ**, from everlasting even to everlasting. He is no longer an evanescent being. He is rooted in everlasting time, in eternity itself. And so covenantal confronts not only a transient contemporary “thou” but countless “thou”-generations which advance toward him from all sides and engage him in the great colloquy in which God Himself participates with love and joy.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, *The Lonely Man of Faith* (1965)

READING

Isabelle Eshraghi  
*Barnard College, 2022*  
*Bahá'í*

Science may be likened to a mirror wherein the images of the mysteries of outer phenomena are reflected. ... The philosophical conclusions of bygone centuries, the teachings of the Prophets and wisdom of former sages are crystallized and reproduced in the scientific advancement of today. Science is the discoverer of the past. From its premises of past and present we deduce conclusions as to the future. All created things are captives of nature and subject to its laws. But man through the exercise of his scientific, intellectual power can rise out of this condition, can modify, change and control nature according to his own wishes and uses. Science, so to speak, is the breaker of the laws of nature.

God has conferred upon and added to man a distinctive power—the faculty of intellectual investigation into the secrets of creation, the acquisition of higher knowledge—the greatest virtue of which is scientific enlightenment. This endowment is the most praiseworthy power of man, for through its employment and exercise the betterment of the human race is accomplished, the development of the virtues of mankind is made possible and the spirit and mysteries of God become manifest. ... As material knowledge is illuminating those within the walls of this great temple of learning, so also may the light of the spirit, the inner and divine light of the real philosophy glorify this institution. The most important principle of divine philosophy is the oneness of the world of humanity, the unity of mankind, the bond conjoining East and West, the tie of love which blends human hearts.

Excerpts from an April 19, 1912 talk at Earl Hall, Columbia University, New York City

MUSICAL SELECTION

Rise Up/Esah Einai

*Andra Day and Dan Nichols  
Arranged by Yaffa Muhlbaum*

Pizmon

*Talia Albukrek, Barnard College, 2023*

*Daniel Caplan, School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2025*

*Dan Cohen, School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2023*

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

*Noah Friedman-Nathan, School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2024*

*Adeena Bromberg Seltzer, Barnard College, 2025*

*Sofia Silva, Barnard College, 2025*

*Raphael Simonson, Columbia College, 2023*

*Hadassah Turk Tolub, School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2022*

*Margeaux Wolberg, School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2022*

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## READING

Barbara Chrobak  
*Barnard College, 2022*  
*Catholic*

But those who have the gift of faith live with confidence about things to come. They look to the future with anticipation and joy, even in the face of suffering and pain; and the future that they are ultimately looking towards is everlasting life with the Lord. This kind of hope was very prominent in the life of Saint Paul, who once wrote: “We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed; full of doubts, we never despair. We are persecuted but never abandoned; we are struck down but never destroyed. ... We do not lose heart, because our inner being is renewed each day” (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16). Only God can renew our inner self each day. Only God can give meaning to life, God who has drawn near to each of us in “Christ Jesus our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1).

In the New Testament there are two letters ascribed to Saint Peter. In the first of these, he said: “Venerate the Lord, that is, Christ, in your hearts. Should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply” (1 Peter 3:15). Dear young friends: I pray that your faith in Christ will always be lively and strong. In this way, you will always be ready to tell others the reason for your hope; you will be messengers of hope for the world.

Do not be afraid. Open up your hearts to Christ. The deepest joy there is in life is the joy that comes from God and is found in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is the hope of the world. Jesus Christ is your hope and mine!

*Teleconference of His Holiness John Paul II with the Young People, Tuesday, September 15, 1987*



READING

Hana Kaur Mangat  
*Columbia College, 2022*  
*Sikh*

ਧਨਾਸਰੀ ਮਹਲਾ ੧ ॥  
ਹਮ ਆਦਮੀ ਹਾਂ ਇਕ ਦਮੀ ਮੁਹਲਤੀ ਮੁਹਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਣਾ ॥  
ਨਾਨਕੁ ਬਨਿਵੈ ਤਸੈ ਸਰੇਵਹੁ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਜੀਅ ਪਰਾਣਾ ॥੧॥  
ਅੰਧੇ ਜੀਵਨਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੀ ਦੇਖਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇ ਦਨਿ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥  
ਸਾਸੁ ਮਾਸੁ ਸਭੁ ਜੀਉ ਤੁਮਾਰਾ ਤੂ ਮੈ ਖਰਾ ਪਿਆਰਾ ॥  
ਨਾਨਕੁ ਸਾਇਰੁ ਏਵ ਕਹਤੁ ਹੈ ਸਚੇ ਪਰਵਦਗਾਰਾ ॥੨॥

Dhanaasree, First Mehla:

We are human beings of the briefest moment; we do not know the appointed time of our departure.

Prays Nanak, serve the One, to whom our soul and breath of life belong.

You are blind—see and consider, how many days your life shall last.

My breath, my flesh and my soul are all Yours, Lord; You are so very dear to me.

Nanak, the poet, says this, O True Lord Cherisher.

*Raag Dhanaasree – Guru Nanak Dev Ji – Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji – Ang 660*

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ave verum corpus, K. 618

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Columbia University Bach Society

Michael Boisture, *Columbia College, 2025*

Aleksandr Butovetskiy, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2022*

Connie Cai, *Barnard College, 2023*

Grace Clifford, *Columbia College, 2022*

Andrea Dubbels, *Columbia College, 2024*

Vanessa Hoi Wan Ho, *Columbia College, 2022*

Rhea Kothari, *Columbia College, 2022*

Dylan Lee, *School of General Studies, 2023*

Jeanne Lefèvre-Laoide, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*

*International Exchange Scholar*

Madeline Liberman, *Barnard College, 2023*

Margaret Mushi, *Columbia College, 2023*

Audrey Nicholson, *Columbia College, 2023*

Sofia Ouyang, *Columbia College, 2024*

Elliot Parlin, *Columbia Community Member*

Emhyr Subramanian, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2024*

Cindy Beini Wang, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2022*

William Zhang, *Columbia College, 2024*

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Aliza Shivanni Ramdass  
*School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2022*  
*Hindu*

Ariel Katz  
*School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2022*  
*Jewish*

MUSICAL SELECTION

Happier/Maana Ke Hum Yaar Nahii *Ed Sheeran/Parineeti Chopra*  
*Arranged by Roshan Bhaskar*

Columbia Sur

Fariyah Chowdhury, *Columbia College, 2024*  
Sonali Dasari, *Columbia College, 2023*  
Mehr Kaur, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2023*  
Supriya Makam, *Columbia College, 2022*  
Neha Narayan, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2024*  
Nandhini Natarajan, *Teachers College, 2022*  
Areej Qadeer, *Barnard College, 2023*  
Melinda Samaratunga, *Barnard College, 2022*

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## SENIOR REFLECTION

Blake Jones  
*Columbia College, 2022*  
*Episcopalian*

## FAMILY TRIBUTE

Edna Egal  
*Columbia College, 2022*  
*Muslim*

## 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*

Tasnim Azman, *Columbia College, 2023*

David Chen, *Columbia College, 2022*

Jason Cho, *School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2025*

Edwin Ding, *Columbia College, 2024*

Linhan Dong, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2025*

Jean-Francois Armani Grimaud, *Columbia College, 2024*

Hunter Holland, *Columbia College, 2022*

Secunda Kariuki, *Columbia College, 2022*

Joya Kumar, *Columbia College, 2023*

Emma Lee, *Columbia College, 2022*

Daniel Perkes, *School of Professional Studies, 2022*

Claudia Sachs, *School of General Studies/Jewish Theological Seminary, 2025*

CLOSING WORDS  
Chaplain Jewelnel Davis

RECESSIONAL HYMN

ALMA MATER

Stand, Columbia!  
*Austria*

*Gilbert Oakley Ward, Columbia College, 1902*  
*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

*(Please rise as the music begins and remain standing as you are able.)*

Mother, stayed on rock eternal,  
Crowned and set upon a height,  
Glorified by Light supernal—  
In thy radiance, we see light.  
Torch, thy children's lamps to kindle,  
Beacon-star to cheer and guide,  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

Mighty patriots, warriors, sages  
Thou hast borne, a shining band;  
Teach thy kin in future ages  
Still to love their native land.  
Thron'd upon the hill where heroes  
Fought for liberty, and died,  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

Honor, love, and veneration  
Crown forevermore thy brow!  
Many a grateful generation  
Hail thee as we hail thee now!  
Till the lordly Hudson seaward  
Cease to roll his heaving tide,  
Stand, Columbia! Alma Mater—  
Through the storms of Time abide!

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## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Dr. Malcolm J. Merriweather  
*Organist*

Grand Choeur

*Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)*

## THE 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 service celebrating the completion of the undergraduate academic career.

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