UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD



BACCALAUREATE BLESSING

SAN ANTONIO, TX MAY 29, 2020 6:00 p.m. HYMN

Ode to Sr. Thea (Commissioned by the University of the Incarnate Word, 2018)

Entering your gates with thanks and praise, I bring you all.
Joyfully we sing, you deserve ev'rything.
One voice we raise, united in praise. (refrain)



Seeking knowledge and truth, tempered with patience and gratitude, Lord teach me your ways.
 Wanting to do what is just and care for the least among us while walking with you, humbly walking with you: (refrain)

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

CELEBRANT: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: May the God of wisdom, knowledge and grace be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

GREETING

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

GOSPEL [N 21: 15-19

READER: Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the holy gospel according to John.

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and eaten breakfast with them,

he said to Simon Peter,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He then said to Simon Peter a second time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time,

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time,

"Do you love me?" and he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger,

you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted;

but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,

and someone else will dress you

and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.

And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

HOMILY

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

OUR FATHER

CELEBRANT: Taught by our Savior's command and formed

by the word of God, we pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy 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.

CONCLUDING RITE

CELEBRANT: May God teach you his ways and lead you to the joys of his kingdom, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, + and the

Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN

May the Road Rise to Meet You — LORI TRUE

REFRAIN:



VERSES:

- 1. For ev'rything there is a season; a Time for meeTing, a Time to say goodbye. In all things God is near, always guiding your way. *(refrain)*
- 2. For ev'rything there is a season; a Time for laughter, a Time for tears and pain. In all things God is near, always guiding your way. *(refrain)*



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