



A Service for Blessing of Senior Charms and Induction into Alumni Association

May 28, 2020

Opening Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

John Rutter and Cambridge Singers

Opening Sentence

“O God, you have taught me since I was young, and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.” Psalm 71 v. 17

The Rev. Joie Baker, Chaplain

St. Margaret School through the Years

Joycelyn Blizzard,
Interim Director of Development

25th Reunion Reflection

Leslie McBride Payne '95

10th Reunion Reflection

Linh Tran '10

The Litany on Women of Power

Ms. Jaden Ellis, Head of Chapel

Holy Spirit, Life Giver, we recall before you this day those women, known and unknown, who have used the power and gifts you gave them to change the world for good. Grant that, with their example in mind, we may find that same power in ourselves and use our gifts to build a world of justice and peace.

We pray for their power to believe in the face of skepticism.

We recall Eve, symbol of the ability to create which all beings enjoy.

We pray for the power of creativity.

We recall Sarah, who with Abraham answered God's call to leave her homeland and place her faith in a covenant with the Lord.

We pray for the power of faith.

We recall Hagar, who shunned oppression and exploitation, and dared to talk to the Lord and give a name to God.

We pray for the power to face the unknown courageously.

We recall Esther and Deborah, who saved a nation through their acts of valor.

We pray for the power of will to act for the good of many.

We recall Mary, Mother of Jesus, who became God's accomplice in setting all people free.

We pray for the power of trust and selfless giving.

We recall Mary Magdalene and other women, who faced disbelief when they announced Jesus' resurrection.

We pray for the ability to remain steadfast in the face of adversity.

We recall Hilda, Julian and Hildegard, abbesses and mystics who kept faith and knowledge alive.

We pray for the power of leadership.

We recall Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, liberators and prophets of the 19th century.

We pray for the power of conviction carried into action.

We recall our mothers, and grandmother, whose lives gave share to ours.

We pray for the power of patience, love and care.

We recall our teachers, classmates, those with whom we journeyed in our time at St. Margaret's School, who supported us and strengthened our spirit. We give thanks for their influence and spirit. May the power at work in them and in all women pass now to us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come and work in us as you have worked in them. Amen.

The Meditation is offered by The President of the Alumnae Board

Mrs. Mary Emery Leipertz, Class of 2000

Anthem offered by Gabby Dockins '21

Presentation of the Charms

Mrs. Joycelyn Blizzard

Blessing of the Charms and Class Rings

The Rev. Joie Baker

Prayer for the Seniors

Mrs. Carol Belfield, Senior Class Sponsor

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of these young women who have enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family. Now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts. Give them sustenance for the road ahead, friends to cheer their way, and a clear vision of the life and work to which you are now calling them. May your Holy Spirit be present with them on their journey as they travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorial Prayer

Mrs. Margaret Mahone Witten '42

Mrs. Dorothy Warner Gardner '45

Mrs. Ann Booker Osburn '46

Mrs. Martha Rascoe Gillam '48

Ms. Hope Murphy Whittaker '52

Mrs. Ann Saxby Chaplin McNinch '53

Mrs. Katherine Whitner Dieterich '54

Mrs. Ann Rivers Payne Hutcheson '55

Mrs. Anne Littleton Brennan '59

Mrs. Dana Smith Faulconer '61

Mrs. Beverly Dortch Lowe '62

Mrs. Vivian Scroggs Pierce '73

Mrs. Eleanor Scales Dunigan '77

Ms. Laurie P. Thomas '87

The Lord's Prayer

Ms. Jaden Ellis, Head of Chapel

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The St. Margaret's School Prayer

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous and godly life; in which resolution, do thou O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

The Rev. Joie Baker

Dismissal

Ms. Jaden Ellis, Head of Chapel

Recessional Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

SMS Choir

Class of 2020

Asia Monique Ceballos

Jaden Elizabeth Ellis

Lyda Garnett Fischetti

Carrie Nicole Fox

Phenix Sakai Halley

Sheba Makedah Aliyah Hector

Virginia Wyly Johnson

Andrea Junquera Quijada

Ashleey Cheene Keza

Jaide Jazmyne Mackenna Laurent

Wanze Li

Yuanlu Li

Kailey Nicolle Lovette

Qiuyi Lu

Chatham Sue Murray

LaShawntae Akiisha Robinson

Lillian Caroline Rowe

Evelyne Zaninka Sebagisha

Lei Shi

Julissa Fernanda Soto

Victoria Caylen Tignor

Sydney Catherine Trent

Zoe Monique Truxon

Jacqueline Isabella Vega