

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL
Baccalaureate Service
Class of 2020

Friday, June fifth
Two Thousand Twenty



BELMONT CHAPEL

John C. Warren '74, Ed.D.
Head of School

The Reverend Barbara G. Talcott
Head Chaplain

The Reverend Katrina H. Solter
Associate Chaplain

James M. Wallace
Director of Music, Arts Department Chair

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

For the Splendor of Creation

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989, alt.



1. For the splen - dor of cre - a - tion that draws us to in - quire,
2. For the schol - ars past and pres - ent whose boun-ty we di - gest,



for the mys - ter - ies of knowl - edge to which our hearts as - pire,
for the teach - ers who in - spire us to be and do our best,



for the deep and sub - tle beau - ties which de - light the eye and ear,
for our ri - vals and com - pan - ions, some - times fool - ish, some - times wise,



for the dis - ci - pline of log - ic, the strug - gle to be clear,
for the hu - man web up - hold - ing this no - ble en - ter - prise,



for the un - ex - plained re - main - der, the puz - zling and the odd:
for the com - mon life that binds us thro' days that soar or plod:



for the joy and pain of learn - ing, we give you thanks, O God.
for this place and for these peo - ple, we give you thanks, O God.

Salutation and Opening Collect

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Read in Hebrew by Lanruo (Lora) Xie '20

Hear, O Israel, the L-rd is our G-d, the L-rd is One. You shall love the L-rd your G-d with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read in Greek by Illia Rebechar '20

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Philippians 4:8-9

Read in Latin by Emily Taylor '20

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Reading: From “Jahraymecofasola”

Jill Scott
Read by Alexandria Bauer '20

Reading: From “In Search of a Majority”

James Baldwin
Read by Luis Perez '20

Reading: From *The Interior Castle*

St. Teresa of Jesus
Read by Yevheniia (Jane) Dubrova '20

Baccalaureate Address

Loris Adams
Director of Community and Equity Affairs

Anthem

Baba Yetu (*The Lord's Prayer in Swahili*)

Christopher Tin

Prayers and Reflections

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

Rebecca Porter '20 – Read in Italian

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.

Yujing (Jenny) Tang '20 – Read in French

Eternal God, creator of the universe, there is no other God but you.
Your works are grand and magnificent, your ways are admirable.
We thank you for the infinite variety of creation's splendors.
We thank you for the many ways in which you have offered us your
presence and design, and for the work you have given us to do.
Forgive us for the violence we have done to your creation.
Eternal God, creator of the universe, there is no other God but you.

Emma Viens '20 – Read in German

You need not understand this life.
Then it will become a festival.
Simply let every day happen to you
like a child who, passing by,
from every breeze
receives many blossoms as a gift.

She doesn't collect or save them,
that doesn't occur to the child.
She loosens them quietly from her hair
in which they were so gladly caught
and, to youth's sweet years, holds
her hands stretched out for more.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

Helen Huang '20 – Read in Chinese

Knowing others is intelligence;
Knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Mastering others is strength;
Mastering yourself is true power.
If you realize that you have enough,
You are truly rich.
If you stay in the center,
You will endure.
To die but not to perish is to be eternally present.
—The Tao Te Ching

Will Bundy '20 – Read in Spanish

Wanderer, the only way is your footsteps, there is no other.
Wanderer, there is no way, you make the way as you go.
As you go, you make the way and stopping to look behind,
you see the path that your feet will never travel again.
Wanderer, there is no way—only foam trails in the sea.
—Antonio Machado

Collect for Graduation – *Read by All (on mute)*

O God, from whom we come and to whom we go, and by whose will the time between coming and going is time to find ourselves and time to find you: We offer thanks for this time of change, for new knowledge and new friendships, and new perspectives in our lives. Help us to remember. Help us to become. Help us to be of use. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The St. Mark's School Prayer – *Read by All (on mute)*

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing the Work of St. Mark's School. Grant that all who serve Thee here, whether as Governors, teachers, or learners, may set Thy Holy will ever before them, and do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight; that so both the Church and the Commonwealth of this land may be bettered by their efforts, and they themselves finally be made partakers of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun Of My Soul

The St. Mark's School Hymn

Text: John Keble, 1820

Tune: Hursley, pub. Vienna c. 1774
adapted Dublin, c. 1844



1. Sun of my soul, thou Sav - ior
2. When the soft dews of kind - ly
3. Watch by the sick; en - rich the
4. Come near and bless us when we



dear, It is not night if
sleep My wear - ied eye - lids
poor With bless - ings from thy
wake Ere through the world our



thou be near: O may no
gen - tly steep, Be my last
bound - less store; Be ev - ery
way we take; Till in the



earth - born cloud a - rise To hide thee
thought, how sweet to rest For ev - er
mourn - er's sleep to - night Like in - fant's
o - cean of thy love We lose our -



from thy ser - vant's eyes.
on my Sav - ior's breast.
slum - bers, pure and light.
selves in hea - ven a - bove. A - men.

Benediction

Organ Postlude

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

St. Mark's School was founded in 1865 in Southborough, Massachusetts, as a residential college-preparatory school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. In 1977, it merged with the Southborough School for girls to form a small coeducational boarding and day school for a diverse community and faculty from the local area, from all parts of the United States, and from around the world.

Mission Statement

St. Mark's School educates young people for lives of leadership and service. Founded in 1865 as an intentionally small residential community, the School challenges its students to develop their particular analytic and creative capabilities by both inspiring their academic and spiritual curiosity and kindling their passion for discovery. We value cooperation over self-interest, and we encourage each person to explore his or her place in the larger world beyond our campus.

Diversity Statement

St. Mark's School seeks to reflect the increasingly diverse world in which our students presently live and will live in the future. We intend to provide our students with a superior education in a community of students, parents, faculty, and staff that represents a variety of racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. We strive to ensure respect for all regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, family structure, or economic background.

Sustainability Statement

In valuing cooperation over self-interest and recognizing our role as global citizens, St. Mark's School actively fosters environmental stewardship and sustainable development in its education, planning, and practices.



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