



MERCERSBURG ACADEMY

Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2023

Irvine Memorial Chapel
Friday, May 26, 2023 • 7 p.m.

Carillon Prelude James Brinson

Academic Procession Processional on “Westminster Abbey” Robert Wetzler

The National Flags of the Senior Class
The Faculty

* The Class of 2023 Processional Trumpet Voluntary Jeremiah Clarke

* Welcome and Call to Worship (read responsively) Proverbs 3: 27-31

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.

Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it” when you have it with you.

**Do not plan harm against your neighbor
who lives trustingly beside you.**

Do not quarrel with anyone without cause,
when no harm has been done to you.

Do not envy the violent
and do not choose any of their ways.

* Hymn No. 386 “O For a World” Azmon

Prayer of Hope and Thanksgiving (in unison)

O God,

Thank you for this past chapter, now closing behind us. It has been both good and bad, and it has made the present what it is. Therefore, we will use it to build the future. Thank you for the next chapter upon which we are embarking tomorrow. We are building the future only with the help and encouragement of those we leave behind. Thank you especially for the love we have received from those gathered here. We face the years to come with hope, because of the hope others have placed in us. We pray that we will be worthy of that hope and trust. Amen

Reading from the Tao Te Ching Lao Tzu

Simplicity, patience, compassion.

These three are your greatest treasures.

Simple in actions and thoughts, you return to the source of being.

Patient with both friends and enemies,

you accord with the way things are.

Compassionate toward yourself,

you reconcile all beings in the world.

Rambling paths with full hearts
 And loud swelling cheers
 No matter who we are
 Or how we disagree
 Look out for each other and care
 So let's be kind be loving be open to
 All the differences we hold within our minds and share
 Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one
 Memories and dreams
 Gathered over the years
 No matter who we are
 Or how we disagree
 Look out for each other and care
 So let's be kind be loving be open to
 All the differences we hold within our minds and share
 Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one
 We should be there for all the cheers and reach out through our tears
 Reach out and tell someone they matter
 So let's be kind be loving be open to
 All the differences we hold within our minds and share
 Love reaches across what separates our lives and strengthens our ties as one

Lesson from the New Testament

Matthew 7: 1-5

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make, you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

A reading from *The Inward Journey*

Howard Thurman

At long last a [person] must be deeply convinced that the contradictions of life which [they] encounter are not final, that the radical tension between good and evil, as [they] see it and feel it, does not have the last word about the meaning of life and the nature of existence, that there is a spirit in humanity and in the world working always against the thing that destroys and cuts down. ... There is no ultimate negation for the [person] for whom the ultimate destiny of humankind on this planet is a good destiny.

Head of School Remarks

Quentin McDowell P '25, '27

Introduction of the Baccalaureate Speaker

Cameron Dotson

The Baccalaureate Address

Trini Hoffman P '00, '06

* The Alma Mater

High tower above us her pillars,
In majesty crowning the hill;
She's faced the wild storms waves of years,
And bravely she faces them still.

Come, Mercersburg all, and we'll praise her;
The world will we tell of her fame,
'Til down the long train of the ages
Shall echo old Mercersburg's name.

This world sweeping mightily onward
Will whiten our heads with its years,
But ever we'll greet Alma Mater
With full hearts and loud swelling cheers.

* A Prayer from the Class

Greta Lawler

* Hymn No. 415

"Come, Labor On"

Ora labora

* Benediction

Benediction Response

"Irish Blessing"

Jeremy Hanson

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your
fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude Recessional

Alma Phantasia

Bryan Morgan '07

The senior class and the faculty will recess during the postlude,
followed by the congregation.

Today's offering will be donated to WIN (Women in Need). For over three decades, WIN has proudly provided services to victims, survivors and significant others of individuals who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide services to both Franklin and Fulton County, Pennsylvania.

Ushers will be standing by as you leave the Chapel;
please give as you are able.

Carrying the Banner of the Class of 2023

Minh Tran, President of the Class

Bearers of the National Flags of the Senior Class

United States of America - Peter Rice
Bahamas - Jake Thompson
Bermuda - Jojo Duerden
Canada - Sam Wallace
Ecuador - Martina Vega Calero
France - Kellian Siskovic
Germany - Vienna Horstmann
Haiti - Nathalie Maurer
Hong Kong - Clare Ip
Italy - Alesandro Misciattelli Bernardini
Japan - Ken Akiyama
Mexico - Mark Van Eybergen
Nigeria - Chuks Ugori
Pakistan - Azian Subhani
People's Republic of China - Alan He
Portugal - Olatz Marques Saralegui
Republic of Korea - Jaime Hyung
South Africa - Isonah Dlodlo
Spain - Paula Luruena Marquez
Switzerland - Lewis Pieyre
Thailand - Plern Pibulldham
United Kingdom - Jamie Talley
Ukraine - Dan Zagorii
Vietnam - Minh Tran
Wales - Owain Herbert

Baccalaureate Service Participants

James A. Brinson, *Organist, Carillonner and Arts Faculty*
Rev. Dr. William R. Whitmore, *School Minister and Religion Faculty*
Hexuan Wang, *Dalian, People's Republic of China*
Hannah King, *Hagerstown, Maryland*
Logan Butts, *Lithonia, Georgia*
Quentin McDowell P '25, '27, *Head of School*
Cameron Dotson, *Falling Waters, West Virginia*
Trini Hoffman P '00, '06, *Director of Student Activities*
Greta Lawler, *Arlington, Virginia*

The Mercersburg Chorale

Bryan Morgan '07, Director

Michael Brannan '23	Isabella Jones '24	Anouk Wandeler '26
Moritz Busch '25	Jonah Lee '24	Hexuan Wang '23
Claire Chow '26	Mikahel Martinez-Arocho '25	Anna Yan '26
Keri-Ann Denis '25	Nina McDowell '25	Tianyi Zhai '24
Damien Dowling '23	Gabe McGuire '24	Imangali Zhakan '26
William Hollis '24	Maria Rihn '24	Ruohan Zhao '24
Adrienne Howard '26	Tyerra Roofener '23	Hongyu Jasmine Zhu '23
Audrey Hua '26	Paul Swetland '25	Siqi Zhu '26

The Mercersburg Brass Ensemble

Bryan Morgan '07, Director

Trumpet

Julia Campbell
Kene Olusanya '24

French Horn

Stephen Pastena*

Trombone

Landon Britton '25

Tuba

Alfred Ma '25

Percussion

Francis Betkowski '23
Madison Goodhart '24

*Denotes guest artist

Chapel Ushers

* Head Ushers

Grace Carter '23	Olivia Short '23	Elizabeth Webb '23
Hongyu Jasmine Zhu '23*	Kristen Kane '23	Chuks Ugori '23
Sasha Horokh '25	Isabel Su '23	Greta Lawler '23*

The flags at the back of the Chapel are from a selection of the 40 nations represented among the student body.

The American flag has flown over Mount Vernon and was a gift to the school from Andrew Ammerman '68 and his mother, the late Josephine Ammerman.

The Irvine Memorial Chapel at Mercersburg Academy was dedicated in 1926 to the memory of alumni who lost their lives in war and rededicated at the school's centennial in 1993 to the memory and vision of founding Headmaster William Mann Irvine, who walked with God throughout his life in joy and strength and love.