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*Graduation Address
delivered by
Robin Mann*

THE CEREMONY of conferring degrees and awarding diplomas and certificates is a time-honoured ritual performed at universities throughout the world. It is the moment when awards are formally made, and is a celebration of the achievements of the graduands.

Graduation ceremonies at the University of Divinity celebrate the academic excellence of our students, honour our collegiate structure and reveal the richness of the many Christian traditions which shape our identity.

The ceremony begins with the procession of the University's academic staff, doctoral graduands, distinguished guests, and members of the University's Council, ending with the University Mace and the Chancellor.

As befits a University of Divinity, the first part of the ceremony includes prayer, song, and a reading from scripture.

The formal graduation commences in the second part of the ceremony, when the Chair of the Academic Board certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands listed in the program, whether present or absent, have completed the requirements of their awards as established by the Council and the Academic Board.

Candidates for coursework awards are then presented to the Chancellor, grouped by Colleges, followed by candidates for research masters' degrees and doctoral awards.

The guest speaker delivers an address, and, following a final song and prayer, the ceremony concludes with the academic procession, now augmented by the new graduates.



The University Mace, dedicated 2017



WELCOME.

TONIGHT WE GATHER AT GLYNDE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ADELAIDE,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 55 STUDENTS.

On behalf of the Council of the University, I am delighted to welcome each graduand to tonight's ceremony. We honour your academic achievements in theology, education, and ministry.

Graduation ceremonies at the University of Divinity honour the University's academic excellence, collegiate structure and Christian traditions.

At this ceremony, each of you becomes a member of the alumni community of the University of Divinity. Our alumni are found in every corner of the globe, serving their churches and communities in extraordinary ways. As you join them, I trust that you will draw more on your attributes as a graduate of the University, as you continue to learn, articulate, communicate, engage and serve.

I thank all who have come tonight in support of our graduands, including family, friends, colleagues, and members of the University Council and the staff of its Colleges. Your support is invaluable to our graduands and to the University as a whole as it seeks to address the issues of our contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

***Dr Graeme Blackman** AO FTSE FAICD*

BD 1993, MTheol 2006

Chancellor





ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please stand for the procession

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

Naomi Wolfe GCDiv 2019

WELCOME

The Chancellor,

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

OPENING HYMN

Be thou my vision

OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend James Winderlich

Principal, Australian Lutheran College

SCRIPTURE READING

Lieutenant Sarah Louise Innes

BTh 2019

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Robin Mann is a writer, musician, worship leader, performer and practical theologian. He is celebrated across Australia for his contribution to theological scholarship over the last fifty years through original composition that advances the celebration of Christian communal life and identity.

Robin is a prolific songwriter with over 120 songs published, including eight songs in the Australian hymn book *Together in Song*. He is in regular demand by schools, churches and conventions of many denominations to perform his music at services and concerts.

Throughout his career, Robin has served the Lutheran Church of Australia as a layworker, worship-music coordinator, and board member for the Lutheran Church of Australia Radio, Television and Department of Hymnody.

Robin is married to Dorothy, a schoolteacher, fellow musician and editor. Robin and Dorothy regularly perform and record music together.

In 2000, Robin was awarded the Servant of Christ Award from the Faculty of Luther Seminary and in 2008 Robin and Dorothy shared the Lutheran Education Australia Service Award for services to Lutheran schooling.

Robin Bruce Mann BA, DipEd

Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) 2019

OPENING HYMN

Be thou my vision



1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words: Gaelic c.8th cent.

Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935) alt.

Music: Irish traditional melody

Harm. David Evans (1874-1948)





RESPONSORY HYMN

You were in this place

INTERCESSIONS

The intercessions are led by graduands from Australian Lutheran College.

Reader: Lord, hear us

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Reverend Mark Whitfield

*Bishop, Lutheran Church of
New Zealand*

RESPONSORY HYMN

You were in this place



1. At the dawn of the ages
you pulled land from the sea.
With your word you invented
all we know, all we see:
creek and desert and forest,
red and grey kangaroo.
You were in this place —
but we never knew.
2. Paintings seen on the rock face,
footprints left in the sand,
campfire next to the river,
songs that rise from the land:
signs that seem so elusive,
shadows just out of view.
You were in this place —
but we never knew.
3. Do we take after Jacob,
blind to what lies at hand,
needing dreams to inform us
God is here in this land?
See him suffering and dying,
bread and wine tell the news.
You were in this place —
but we never knew.
4. Jesus, open our senses,
help us see you today
in the person beside us,
as we work, as we play.
While we love you and serve you,
may it never be true:
you were in this place —
but we never knew.

Words and music: Robin Mann b.1949

PRESENTATION OF ALC VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

The Reverend James Winderlich, *Principal, Australian Lutheran College*



VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE, LUTHERAN STRAND

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar**, *Dean*

Rebecca Alice Altus

Nicole Marie Anderson

Alysia Tiarne Brown

Kytarnia Jean Ehrenberg

Renea Kate Falkenberg

Abbey Kimberley Geue

Akala Tanzia Heinzl

Emma Rochelle Moloney

Hayley Marie Schutz

Sharne Lynette Stevenson

Hayley Elizabeth Woodward

Isabella Elise Zweck

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM, CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar**, *Dean*

Harrison James Darryl Cormack

Eli Stanley Grieger

Kaylee Tania Jungfer

Bethanie Jacinta Mann

Christine Joy Materne

Joy Stahl

Jack Harry Thompson

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GRADUATION

The Vice-Chancellor and Member of the Academic Board,
Professor Peter Sherlock,
certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands have completed
the requirements of their awards.



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar**, *Dean*

Paul Grant Calnan *Bachelor of Ministry*

Jing Luan *Bachelor of Ministry*

David Jacob Seligmann *Bachelor of Ministry*

Lee Jai Van Rossen *Bachelor of Ministry*

Hayden William Dreckow *Bachelor of Theology*

David John Fishwick *Bachelor of Theology*

Benjamin Gregory Graham *Bachelor of Theology*

Mitchell John Kitson *Bachelor of Theology*

Douglas James Braiden *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Adam Thomas Yeager *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Rowan Alexander Brown

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Miriam Maranatha Morris

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Cathy Maree Harris

Graduate Certificate in Theological Education

Joseph Isaac Ingram *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Stephanie Edwina Falcon-Harvie

Master of Education and Theology

Craig William Schmidt *Master of Education and Theology*

Shaun Cain Manning *Master of Theology (Coursework)*

Peter James Noble *Master of Theology (Coursework)*

Carl Philip Richter *Master of Theology (Coursework)*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

Abbel Gaspi *Bachelor of Theology*

Jackson Harley Saunders *Bachelor of Theology*

Thang Nhat Vu *Graduate Certificate in Ageing*

Karen Therese Rivalland *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Brendan David Nicholls

Graduate Certificate in Guiding Meditation and

Graduate Certificate in Divinity (Jesuit College of Spirituality)

EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Presenter **Major David Janssen**, *Coursework Coordinator*

Adrian James Hamond *Bachelor of Ministry*

Sarah Louise Innes *Bachelor of Theology*

Rachil Mina *Bachelor of Theology*

Kirsty Elizabeth Stringer *Bachelor of Theology*

Karina Joy Wood *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

Judy-Anne Foster *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*

Siu Ching Maria Shum *Master of Spiritual Direction*

PILGRIM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

Claire Louise Dawe

Graduate Certificate in Children and Families Ministry

James Aaron *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Nicole Anne Fleming *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

ST ATHANASIUS COLLEGE

Presenter **Dr Lisa Agaiby**, *Research Coordinator*

Nader Sidaros *Diploma in Theology*

STIRLING THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies**, *Principal*

Bernadette Therese Wurlod *Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology*

Marnie Anne Scott *Graduate Diploma in Theology*



TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

Michael John Charles Scowcroft *Diploma in Theology*

Gerard Adams *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Hoi Yee Athena Cheung *Master of Divinity*

Christopher Mark Lim *Master of Theological Studies*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Dr René Erwich**, *Principal*

Andrew Luke Reeves *Diploma in Theology*

Justin Timothy Bristow *Bachelor of Theology*

Seung Taek Lee *Bachelor of Theology*

Janelle Andrea Moeck *Bachelor of Theology*

Robert Johan Christiaan Stuurman

Graduate Certificate in Theology

Kerstin Reimers *Master of Spiritual Direction*

Jeremy Eugene Jasper Van Langenberg

Master of Theology (Coursework)

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Christopher Monaghan CP**, *Principal*

Arthur Thomas Hallett *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Sarah Louise Iwaniw

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

Presenter **Dr Lisa Gaiby**, *Deputy Chair of the Research Committee*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Bryan Matthew Cones

Pilgrim Theological College

Thesis: "This Assembly of Believers": The Boundless Riches of Christ in the Church at Prayer

Supervisor: Professor Stephen Burns and Reverend Dr Anita Monro

While "diversity" in the church at prayer is widely desired, differences of gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, and cultural heritage are overlooked as sources of liturgical theology. Exploring such differences for their theological significance, this thesis examines rites of baptism, eucharist, healing, and marriage to sketch a pastoral liturgical theology of the assembly in its embodied particularities.

Nixon Estrella de Vera

Trinity College Theological School

Thesis: The Suffering of God in the Eternal Decree: A Critical Study of Karl Barth on Election

Supervisors: Professor Mark Lindsay and Dr Jason Goroncy

This thesis asks whether or not Karl Barth's God is a suffering God and, if so, what precisely he means by that. This thesis argues that in Barth's theology, God indeed suffers in Jesus Christ in light of the election and this statement also speaks about God's eternal being.

Grace Kwan Sik Tsoi

Whitley College

Thesis: What do we mean by Contextual Interpretation of Judges 19? A Chinese Christian Perspective

Supervisors: Professor Mark Brett FAHA and Dr Philip Chia

This thesis proposes that a Chinese Christian contextual hermeneutics is an interplay between the reader's context, the ancient biblical context and the translation context. A reading of Judges 19 from the Chinese Union Version is reconstructed and compared with findings from historical, narratological, intertextual and ideological criticism.

Michael John Bowden

Yarra Theological Union

Thesis: Searching Altyerre to Reveal the Cosmic Christ: A contribution to the dialogue between the ancient Arrernte imaginary and Christianity

Supervisors: Professor Mark Brett FAHA, Dr John Honner and Dr Robyn Reynolds

Searching Altyerre to Reveal the Cosmic Christ describes the development of Altyerre-Catholicism by the Arrernte people of Alice Springs, based on their continuing reliance on their ancient imaginary, Altyerre, creatively integrated with Catholicism and formed into a dynamic imaginary that offers them consolation and concurrently hope to the wider Christian community.

Francis Innocent Otobo

Yarra Theological Union

Thesis: Overcoming Resistance: The Holy Spirit as Legitimator of Mission in Luke-Acts

Supervisors: Associate Professor Keith Dyer and Reverend Dr Christopher Monaghan CP

This thesis argues that the Holy Spirit in Luke-Acts functions to legitimate the mission to the Gentiles for Jewish followers of Jesus, both those resisting and those open to the world-wide mission. At the same time, Luke engages with Greco-Roman pneumatic experiences to encourage Gentile believers in their acceptance of the faith.

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (*honoris causa*)

Presenter **The Reverend James Winderlich, Principal**

Robin Bruce Mann

Citation: Robin Mann has made a sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship over the last fifty years through original musical composition that advances the celebration of Christian communal life and identity. This contribution deeply engages Australia's unique physical and religious context in its imagery and insight, combining pastoral encouragement and prophetic challenge which is acutely attuned to the medium of congregational song. Robin Mann's

exceptional gift to the Australian Church is appreciated across many denominations and demonstrates excellence in the engagement of theology with the life of the wider community. Through his ministry with schools, congregations, leadership gatherings and training workshops, as well as his publications and recordings, he has provided visionary stimulus to the production of authentic Australian music and worship and inspired subsequent generations of worship songwriters.





VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Dr Grace Kwan Sik Tsoi PhD 2019

GRADUATION ADDRESS

Dr Robin Bruce Mann DD 2019

FINAL HYMN

God gives us a future

CONCLUSION

The Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman

BLESSING

Christmas Blessing

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please remain standing until the procession has concluded and all graduates have exited the Church.

REFRESHMENTS

The Chancellor invites graduates and their guests to join him for light refreshments in the foyer, generously hosted by Australian Lutheran College.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity thanks Pastor Wayne Boehm and the Glynde Lutheran Church congregation for provision of the venue for this Graduation Ceremony.

Music was provided by Reverend Mark Whitfield, Robin Mann and Dorothy Mann.

FINAL HYMN

God gives us a future



1. God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.
2. We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives us hope, and insight
and the strength we lack.
3. Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Words: Elizabeth J. Smith (UD Alumna) b.1956

Music: John Michael Brierley b.1932

BLESSING

Christmas Blessing



May the feet of God walk with you,
and his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you,
and his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
and his breath give you life.
May the Child of God grow in you,
and his love bring you home.

Words: Aubrey Podlich
Music: Robin Mann © 1983

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR 2019

Vice-Chancellor's Scholars are graduands who have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the University's Graduate Attributes. This may include academic excellence, contribution to the College community, and service to wider society. The award is made at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the graduand's College.

Joseph Isaac Ingram

Australian Lutheran College

Joseph has achieved outstanding results throughout his course of studies, with high distinctions across all four fields. He has managed to combine consistently high grades with the demands of his ongoing music performance career; being a graduate from the Adelaide Conservatorium of Music. The College community has benefited not only from his deep engagement with theological studies and community life, but also in his musical gifts within the weekly College worship program and performances provided at past University of Divinity graduation ceremonies in Adelaide.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

The University of Divinity promotes the highest standards of scholarship in theology, philosophy and ministry. Through scholarship, the University aims to address the issues of the contemporary world. Founded in 1910 as the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University has a long history of pursuing and achieving these aims.

All students and staff join the University through one of its Colleges. Based in the Australian cities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney, each College is a unique learning community that contributes to a theologically diverse and rich culture of scholarship at the University.

Through the Colleges, the University is supported by thirty partners in the churches and religious orders. These include the Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Coptic Orthodox, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Uniting Church traditions.

The University's work is further resourced by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, which provides support to the Colleges and the University's Council and Academic Board.

You are warmly invited to participate in the University's vision and mission.

OUR VISION

Together we empower our learning community to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

OUR MISSION

We fulfil our vision through:

- excellence in learning, teaching, and research,
- stewardship of our resources, and
- engagement with the churches and community in Australia and internationally.

We demonstrate how to live in unity with diversity.

Officers of the University

Chancellor

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

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Deputy Chancellor

The Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies

BA BMin MMin DMin

Vice-Chancellor

Professor Peter Sherlock

BA(Hons) MA DPhil

Chair of Academic Board

The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees

BA(Hons) MA BD(Hons) TheolM PhD DipEd



OUR GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

1. LEARN

Graduates are equipped for critical study, especially of Christian texts and traditions.

2. ARTICULATE

Graduates articulate theological insight and reflection.

3. COMMUNICATE

Graduates communicate informed views through structured argument.

4. ENGAGE

Graduates engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions.

5. SERVE

Graduates are prepared for the service of others.



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