



UNIVERSITY
OF DIVINITY

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*Graduation Address
delivered by*

The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar

OUR GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

LEARN

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

ARTICULATE

Graduates articulate theological insight and reflection.

COMMUNICATE

Graduates communicate informed views through structured argument.

ENGAGE

Graduates engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions.

SERVE

Graduates are prepared for the service of others.

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.



WELCOME.

TONIGHT WE GATHER AT IMMANUEL COLLEGE, ADELAIDE,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 59 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.

It is a particular pleasure tonight to welcome our guest speaker, The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar.

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



The University Mace, dedicated 2017



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please stand for the procession

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS AND WELCOME

The Chancellor,

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

CELEBRATION

**Uniting College for
Leadership and Theology
St Barnabas College**

OPENING HYMN

Be thou my vision

OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend Paul Smith

Bishop, Lutheran Church of Australia

SCRIPTURE READING

Le Hoang An
MTh 2022

Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar has served for more than 26 years as a pastor in congregations of the Lutheran Church and has made a sustained contribution to theological scholarship and education in Australia. Before commencing at Australian Lutheran College in 2007, he completed studies in education, taught in seminaries of partner churches in Indonesia and Malaysia, and was a scholar-in-residence at Luther Seminary, Minneapolis, USA.

Stephen completed doctoral studies at the University of Queensland. His thesis was published by de Gruyter (2003): *Simon Magus: The First Gnostic?*. He has held senior positions at ALC since 2008, being responsible for the oversight of Higher Education and VET programs and staff, leading ALC's successful AUQA audit process in 2011, and managing the College's transition from being a non-self-accrediting higher education provider to a College of the University of Divinity. He is currently Vice-Principal of ALC.

Stephen has contributed internationally and led local discussions on the topic of student experience and transformative learning in undergraduate theological education. His research into the provision of learner-focused levels of learning was acknowledged in MCD University of Divinity's research project, *Transforming Theology* (2012). He contributed to the development of the University's Graduate Certificate in Theological Education.

The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar
CertIV TAE, BTheol, BA(Hons), GradDipEd, PhD
Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) 2022

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)



HYMN

Tell out, my soul

INTERCESSIONS

Alison Edna Short
DipTheol 2022

Visesio Saga
PhD 2022

Response: **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

Please be seated.

Aria by G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

Organ played by:

Andrew Ampt

THE GRADUATION

VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

Tracie Jane Whittle
GCTRE 2022

Brooke Lea Prentis
GDTheol 2022

TELL OUT, MY SOUL



1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

Music: Walter Grotarex

GRADUATION

The Chair of the Academic Board, **The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**, certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands have completed the requirements of their awards.



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend James Winderlich**

Katherine Marie Joelle Bertram

Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity

Rachael Nicole Golder *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Nikki Jai Gore *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Hayley Penelope Handberg *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Steven Eric Liebelt *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Zachary Kai Roche *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Lisa Ann Thiele *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Chloe Ann Wigan *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Vernon Stephan Grieger *Diploma in Theology*

Alison Edna Short *Diploma in Theology*

Sukhvir Singh *Diploma in Theology*

Samuel James Rentsch *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

Joel Daniel Grieger *Bachelor of Ministry*

Joel Benjamin Savage *Bachelor of Theology*

Lauren Kate Dikkenberg

Graduate Certificate in Education and Theology

Melanie Louise Metz

Graduate Certificate in Education and Theology

John Chalvatzis *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Juanita Jane Eime *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Tracie Jane Whittle *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education*

Samuel Paul Davis *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Anne Quast *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Jacob Edgar Darren Fabich *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Jodi Liane Blackwell *Master of Education and Theology*

Carly Jasmine Brooks *Master of Education and Theology*

Edwin Darryl Shoemith *Master of Theology
and Bachelor of Theology*

Uk Lian Thang *Master of Theology*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**

Gerard Patrick Martin *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Justin Michael Uzabeaga *Bachelor of Ministry*

John Souvertjjs *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*

Jennifer Marie Seal *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Jude-Thaddeus Ogechukwu Ezeme *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Vinh Hoang Do *Master of Theology
and Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Le Hoang An *Master of Theology*

Joshua Michael Nash *Master of Theology*



EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**

Leanne Margaret Ford *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Ryan James Matulick *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Keyra Leanna Robinson *Diploma in Theology*

Marenda Julie Freind *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Kam Ha Yeung *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Andrew Kenneth Daniel Smith *Master of Theological Studies*

STIRLING COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Dr Alan Niven**

Janelle Margaret Berry *Advanced Diploma in Counselling*

Sheridan Dawn Stanley *Advanced Diploma in Counselling*

Christobel Jebaseeli Jhonly *Bachelor of Counselling*

Jake Gary Doleschal *Bachelor of Theology*

Timothy John Ratcliffe *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Ruth Louise Crawford *Master of Counselling*

Voahirana Claudinae Reineck *Master of Counselling*

Brendan William Petty *Master of Theological Studies*

TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Presenter **The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**

Yopa James Abraham *Diploma in Theology*

Christopher Roberts *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

Oliver Taban Yengi *Bachelor of Theology*

Wai Man Vivian Lam *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Presenter **The Reverend Professor René Erwich**

Gordon Robert Wild *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Brooke Lea Prentis *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Jennifer Louise Murray *Master of Spirituality*

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Presenter **The Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees**

Rebecca Louise Guelde mann *Graduate Certificate in Theology*
Thanakrit Mahalapchai *Master of Theological Studies*

HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

Presenter **Professor Wendy Mayer**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Shannon Robert Hood

Stirling College

Thesis: A Critical Investigation into the use of Spiritual and Religious Interventions by Professional Counsellors

Supervisor: The Reverend Dr Alan Niven and The Reverend Dr Stephen Pietsch

This thesis explores the use of Spiritual/Religious Interventions including prayer and meditation by professional counsellors such as psychologists, social workers and registered counsellors. Using a mixed methods approach it presents two grounded theories intended to help professional counsellors ethically apply spiritual and religious interventions in their practice.

Visesio Saga

Whitley College

Thesis: "Other boats were with him" (Mk 4:36). The radical inclusivity of the Samoan motu o tagata reading of Mark

Supervisors: Professor Mark Brett and Associate Professor Keith Dyer

This thesis explores a radically inclusive understanding of the Greek ochlos ('crowd') and other characters in Mark's Gospel. The Samoan translation, motu o tagata, promotes this inclusivity which is qualified only by some opposition to Jesus. Even so, these failures are overturned by the open call for all to repent and faithfully engage the Good news.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR 2022

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.

Tracie Jane Whittle

Australian Lutheran College

Tracie achieved exceptional results in a fully asynchronous online Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education. She has demonstrated outstanding online learning skills: meticulous engagement with the unit materials and readings, careful attention to detail, a self-driven passion and thirst for knowledge, and the capacity to draw insightful connections between theology and education practice. The teaching staff of ALC recognise the depth of Tracie's commitment to her learning, her capacity to work independently, the quality of her scholarship and the originality of her thinking.



DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (*honoris causa*)

Presenter **The Reverend James Winderlich**

The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar

Citation: The Reverend Doctor Stephen Haar has made a sustained, distinguished, and self-sacrificial contribution to theological scholarship and education in Australia. He is a creative and resilient writer, thinker, designer and problem solver, who brings theological rigour and a deep understanding of learning and learners to the Academy and the Church. He has been an integral part of the transformational learning conversations and journeys of Australian Lutheran College and the University of Divinity. He works tirelessly in the spaces of tension between faith and reason, and is an exemplar of life-long learning.

Dr Haar has made a significant scholarly contribution to the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand. He has challenged the Church's witness and service in diverse areas through thoughtful, caring and disciplined engagement with prevailing cultures and practices. This

includes long term involvement in formational theological Church and inter-Church dialogue and the provision of innovative in situ education for indigenous Lutheran Pastors and Evangelists, Lutheran schools, and cross cultural and international Church partners. His courage to bring enabling theological perspectives to bear on controversial issues has advanced the theological capacity of the Church and its schools to grapple with theological questions in their contemporary contexts. At all times Dr Haar acts with wisdom, generosity and humility, honouring people with profound respect and dignity. His diverse written and verbal contributions have fostered critical change and innovation in the Church and the Academy.

The University and Church thank God for Dr Haar's gifts, generous contributions, keen insight, and gentle wisdom. Soli Deo Gloria!

MAY THE FEET OF GOD WALK WITH YOU (A 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.



PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR

Emeritus Professor Wendy Mayer

AWARD OF DOCTOR OF DIVINITY

**The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar
DD 2022**

GRADUATION ADDRESS

**The Reverend Dr Stephen Haar
DD 2022**

FINAL HYMN

May the feet of God walk with you

CONCLUSION

The Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman

BLESSING

The Reverend Paul Smith

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity thanks Immanuel Lutheran College for provision of the venue for this Graduation Ceremony.

Music was provided by Andrew Ampt.

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 Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth 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.

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;
- growth of our resources and capacity; and
- engagement with the churches and community in Australia and internationally.

Officers of the University

Chancellor

Dr Graeme Blackman

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