



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

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Graduation Address

delivered by

Professor Peter Sherlock

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 and Schools, 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.

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD BSc(Hons) BD MTheol PhD

Deputy Chancellor Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM BSc(Hons) PhD Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sherlock BA(Hons) MA DPhil

Chair of Academic Board Professor Katharine Massam ASDA, BA(Hons), DipEd, PhD



Welcome.

Tonight we gather at St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, to witness the graduation of 255 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, ministry, education, and professional practice.

It is a particular pleasure tonight to welcome our speaker, Professor Peter Sherlock.

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



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity thanks the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for their hospitality in welcoming the University to the Cathedral and provision of tonight's music.

The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral is directed by Philip Nicholls, Director of Music. The organ is played by Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor Peter Sherlock is the Foundation Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity. Tonight he steps down after 12 years as Vice-Chancellor. In recognition of his service to theological education and the Australian higher education sector, the Council has appointed him Emeritus Professor of the University of Divinity.

Professor Sherlock studied history at the University of Melbourne and the University of Oxford. He was a Commonwealth Scholar at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (1997-2000) and an ARC Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Melbourne (2004-2008). He joined the University in 2008 serving as Dean of the United Faculty of Theology until his appointment as Vice-Chancellor in 2012. He has led the theology sector in Australia for more than a decade, serving for eight years as Chair of the Council of Deans of Theology and for two years as President of ANZATS.

Professor Sherlock's primary area of research is the cultural history of Renaissance and Reformation Europe, especially cultures of remembering, forgetting, and commemoration. He also publishes widely on gender, religion and theological education. With Daniel Nellor he is author of the forthcoming book Theology Matters, an account of how theology has changed the lives and careers of 11 prominent Australians.

Peter is passionate about equipping people of all faiths and none to think outside the box, to engage critically with the world around them, to bring the ancient wisdom of theological traditions into conversation with contemporary challenges, and to serve the needs of others. He is a member of the Anglican Church of Australia and sings bass in the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne.

Professor Peter Sherlock BA(Hons), MA, DPhil



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

OPENING HYMN AND ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Christ is made the sure Foundation

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WELCOME

The Chancellor,

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

OPENING PRAYER

Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe FRHistS

Dean of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne

Dean: Peace to those who are far off. Response: Peace to those who are near.

Dean: Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Response: as in the beginning, so now,

and for ever. Amen.

All sit

SCRIPTURE 1 PETER 5:1-11

Pamela Elizabeth Zweck PhD 2024

Reader: May your word live in us

Response: and bear much fruit to your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Led by the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral

INTERCESSIONS

Samson Chidiebere Ezemuokwe BMin 2024

Dean: Lord have mercy.
Response: Christ have mercy.
Dean: Lord have mercy.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Dean: The Lord be with you. Response: And also with you.

Dean: Let us praise the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Now thank we all our God

Music

Prevent us, O Lord William Byrd (1543-1623) Sung by the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral

THE GRADUATION

VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

Joy Joohyo Han MTS 2024

Megan Joy Powell du Toit PhD 2024

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Reverend Dr Ross Fishburn

EMERITUS PROFESSOR

Professor Peter Sherlock

GRADUATION ADDRESS

Professor Peter Sherlock

Music

The Lord bless you and keep you John Rutter (b.1945) Sung by the St Paul's Cathedral Choir

CONCLUSION

The Chancellor, Dr Graeme Blackman

BLESSING

Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier Archbishop of Melbourne

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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



CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION



- 1. Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Corner stone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Sion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
- 2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody, God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.
- 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Latin, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66) Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised 620

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Please sing the response after the cantor, then as indicated



- 1. O Lord our Governor, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2. Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3. You have founded a strong defense against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

Response

- When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
- what are we, that you should be mindful of us: what are we, that you should care for us? Response

- Yet you have made us little less than gods, and have crowned us with glory and honour.
- 7. You have given us dominion over your handiwork: and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- 8. all sheep and oxen, and all the creatures of the field,
- the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.

Response

Antiphon: Geoffrey Cox; Chant: Tone VIII.1 Together in Song 4

Now thank we all our God



- Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wond'rous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of live, and still is ours today.
- O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the One eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

GRADUATION

The Chair of the Academic Board, **Professor Katharine Massam**, certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands have completed the requirements of their awards.



Australian Lutheran College

Katrina Grace Loveday Diploma in Theology

Kellie Rae Lohrey Graduate Certificate in Leadership

Shane Richards Asbury Master of Education and Theology

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Joanna Sophia Roszkowski

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Craig Allan Semple Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Kevin Brian Brown

Whitley College

Thesis: Omri in Context: An Israelite King Between History and Theology

Supervisors: Professor Mark Brett and Professor Lawson Younger

The thesis explores the question of how the contextual approach developed by William Hallo illuminates a chosen text against its wider linguistic, cultural, and archaeological background. The case studies examine the depiction of King Omri in 1 Kgs 16:21–28 in the light of extra-biblical traditions concerning the house of Omri.

Jonathan Paul Cornford

Whitley College

Thesis: Christian Witness in the Midst of Capitalism: An Australian Conversation with R. H. Tawney, John Howard Yoder, and Oliver O'Donovan

Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Jason Goroncy and Reverend Dr Gordon Preece

What is the vocation of the church in capitalist, post-Christian Australia? This thesis pursues this question by way of a a sustained conversation with three quite different North Atlantic thinkers – R.H. Tawney, Oliver O'Donovan, and John Howard Yoder – testing their ideas against the specific missiological conditions of twenty-first century Australia.

Megan Joy du Toit

Morling College

Thesis: Stanley J. Grenz and Evangelicalism: Tensions, Purpose, and Future

Supervisors: Professor David Starling and Reverend Associate Professor Darrell Jackson

This thesis seeks to examine whether Grenz's proposal for a renewed evangelicalism can provide a constructive response to the tensions within evangelicalism. It suggests an adapted version of Grenz's proposal, that evangelicalism is a Church-directed renewing and reforming movement. The movement is called to embrace a gospel-centred, generous orthoholism.

Janet Elizabeth Duke

Whitley College

Thesis: Where Do Words Come From?

Supervisor: Professor Susan Long

This layered accounts autoethnographic thesis explores my journey of transformation from "perfect" active obstetrician to contemplative Quaker spiritual director working from the unknown. As bricoleur, I intuit how words appear, using fragments including written vignettes, music, poetry, art work and stitching a crazy patchwork quilt.

Emily Vaux Fraser

Trinity College Theological School

Thesis: A Christological Examination of the Hymns of Martin Luther, Charles Wesley, and John Keble

Supervisors: Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee AM FAHA and Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe FRHistS and Dr Katherine Firth

This thesis explores the Christology expressed by Luther, Wesley and Keble in their hymns and poems. It demonstrates the centrality of Christ in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, revealing the writers' nuanced seasonal Christology informed by the key Biblical passages and theological concepts underlying each liturgical season.

Diana Wendy McKinley

Catholic Theological College

Thesis: Give Them Churches

Supervisors: + Reverend Professor Austin Cooper OMI AM and

Reverend Dr Max Vodola

The 1836 NSW and 1853 Victorian Church Acts paid subsidies to build churches and minister's dwellings and pay stipends to ministers. Over 1 million pounds sterling was paid by the Victorian government to subsidize the building of over 544 churches. The Church Acts enabled Christianity to be established in the new Colony of Victoria.

Albert Richard Peck

Whitley College

Thesis: All the Rage: A practical Theological study of how local congregations can care for people who experience a tension between faith and habitual patterns of anger

Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Frank Rees and Reverend Dr Anne Mallaby

A practical theological study of how local congregations can care for people who experience a tension between faith and habitual patterns of anger. This thesis explores the lives of nine participants from local churches who struggle with habitual patterns with anger.

Jeanette Marie Sullivan

Catholic Theological College

Thesis: Did God not choose the poor? (Jas 2:5): A Preferential Option Supervisors: Dr Catherine Playoust, Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee AM FAHA and Very Reverend Dr Cameron Forbes

Encapsulated in the question, Did God not choose the poor? (Jas 2:5), an analysis of the Letter of James underscores the development of the theological imperative of the preferential option for the poor in Catholic social teaching from Leo XIII's 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum to the present day.

Uzoma J. Uzoeshi

Morling College

Thesis: Christian Responses to the Growth of Islam in Igboland, Nigeria, and its Implications for Christian-Muslim Relations in the Region

Supervisors: Reverend Associate Professor Darrell Jackson and Dr Folaranmi T Lateju

This study examined Christian responses to the growth of Islam in Igboland, Nigeria, and its implications for Christian-Muslim relations in the region. The findings showed a gradual growth of Islam and its trajectories among the Igbos, who are autochthonous to southeastern Nigeria and are considered overwhelmingly Christian in population and social culture. Christians responded positively and negatively to its growth and interfaith relations.

Pamela Elizabeth Zweck

Australian Lutheran College

Thesis: Lucas Cranach the Elder, visual theologian, painter, and co-worker with Martin Luther in the Wittenberg Reformation: a theological-rhetorical analysis of his visual art

Supervisors: Emeritus Professor Wendy Mayer, Reverend Dr Mark Worthing and Dr Josephine Laffin This thesis demonstrates that the sixteenth-century German artist, Lucas Cranach the Elder, can be considered a visual theologian of the Protestant Reformation. It shows, by means of a rhetorical analysis of Cranach's major religious works, that his images on the canvas are indeed rhetorical artefacts that speak, thus matching Martin Luther's rhetorical preaching from the pulpit.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS 2024

Joy Joohyo Han

Pilgrim Theological College

Joy has demonstrated high-level academic expertise and originality throughout her studies at Pilgrim. She pursues her studies with curiosity and passion, and is particularly attentive to the dynamics of race and culture. Through published peer reviewed essays, Joy is already demonstrating her capacity to articulate theology with clarity and conviction. Joy contributes in various ways to the life of the Uniting Church, including in the contested discussions about the nature of its cultural diversity.

Pamela Tate Daams

St Athanasius College

Pam undertook her Graduate Diploma in Divinity online from Darwin while continuing her work in mission. She consistently achieved outstanding results in all units and throughout has been a proactive communicator and collaborator with lecturers and peers. An exceptional ambassador for the College, her academic results are indicative of her commitment and dedication to learning and appropriating her learning to faith and ministry.

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 or Schools. Based in the Australian cities of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Perth, each 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, University Council and Academic Board.

OUR MISSION

To excel in education, engagement, and research in spiritual practices and Christian beliefs and their contemporary application.

OUR VISION

To enable our graduates and partners to serve the common good and to be agents of transformation in the world.







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