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*Graduation Address
delivered by*

Professor James McLaren
Vice-Chancellor

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.

Guests are asked to switch off mobiles during the ceremony



WELCOME.

TONIGHT WE GATHER AT ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 108 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 more.

It is a particular pleasure tonight to welcome our guest speaker, Professor James McLaren, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Right Reverend Chris McLeod
*National Aboriginal Bishop of the Anglican
Church of Australia
Dean, St Peter's Cathedral
Lecturer, St Barnabas College*

WELCOME

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD
The Chancellor

OPENING HYMN

Christ, be our light

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Ronda Mugford
GCRM 2025
Colossians 1: 1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor McLaren joined the University of Divinity as its second Vice-Chancellor in April 2024. He previously held major leadership roles at Australian Catholic University, most recently as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise), and before that as the University's Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research), and Foundation Director of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry.

Professor McLaren completed his early studies at the University of Melbourne, graduating with a BA with Combined Honours from the Department of History and the Department of Middle Eastern Studies in 1983, and a Master of Arts by Research in 1985.

He subsequently undertook a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, under the supervision of Professor E.P. Sanders and Professor Martin Goodman.

Professor McLaren's major research interests span several fields in the study of history, with his primary focus being the social, cultural, and political history of the ancient Mediterranean world. He is one of the leading international experts in the study of the life and times of Flavius Josephus, and has an extensive track record of publications on the pivotal period of Jewish and Roman relations in the first century CE, especially in relation to the war of 66-70 and its aftermath.

For his contributions to the profession, he has been awarded the prestigious Krister Stendahl Medal in Biblical Studies by the Graduate Theological Foundation.

Professor James McLaren
BA(Hons), MA, DPhil

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell (b.1957)

Ancient and Modern #42



HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness

INTERCESSIONS

Benjamin Renfrey

GCIh 2025

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.
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.**

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

Performed by Andrew Georg
Cathedral Organist

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE PRIZES

THE GRADUATION

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: Traditional Irish Melody

Together in Song #216

GRADUATION

The Deputy Chair of the Academic Board,
Dr Merryn Ruwoldt,
certifies to the Chancellor that all graduands
have completed the requirements of their awards.



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Phoebe Elizabeth Mickan *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Anneka Jane Wilksch *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Darcee Isabelle Anker *Diploma in Theology*

Kyle Douglas Cantrill *Diploma in Theology*

Tasmin Carl Bourne *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

Sean Pierce Hotinski *Bachelor of Ministry*

Thomas James Krahling *Bachelor of Ministry*

Graham Andrew Buxton

Graduate Certificate in Education and Theology

Ronda Marilyn Mugford

Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

Renee Emily Hein

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Chelsie Skye Riches

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Zachary Francis Sauerwald

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Jonathan Andrew Hopkins *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Emma Louise Graetz *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Tania Angela Nelson *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Ryan Corrie Steel *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Jeong Kee Kim *Master of Theological Studies*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

George Raphal Feliciouz *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Huy Trac Nguyen *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Matthew Thomas Humphreys *Diploma in Theology*

Gerald Kearney *Diploma in Theology*

Matthew Daniel Timonera *Advanced Diploma in Philosophy*

Jason Albert Giuliani *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Ashan Nilanka Joseph Peiris *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Vivien Lee Looi Chng

Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

Nicola Dorothea Lipscombe

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

Nadine Joy Pelling *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*

Jennifer Marie Seal *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Stephen Morris Iskander *Master of Theological Studies*

Matthew Stanson Luli *Master of Theological Studies*



EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Sally Anne Hall *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Alexandra Mary Robinson *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Leeanne Gaye Pattison *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

PILGRIM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Paul John Minty *Diploma in Theology*

Daniel Iman Nugraha Sihombing *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

ST ATHANASIUS COLLEGE

Abanoub Karmen George Jacob *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Meriam Attalla *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Peter Philip Martin *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Abram Samir Beshara Atalla El-Sabagh *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

ST BARNABAS COLLEGE

Anastasia Kim *Bachelor of Theology*

Benjamin William Charles Renfrey *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Howard Robert Harris *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Ann Vivienne Weir *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE

Kate Ingrid Gardiner *Bachelor of Theology*

TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Christopher Thomas McElhinney *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Tynan Alan Williams *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Kyle Carlon Saltmarsh *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

UNITING COLLEGE FOR LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

Peter John Wilkin *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Jun Xu *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Suzanne Louise Campbell

Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

Shirley Ellen Bowers *Bachelor of Ministry*

Justin MacLaurin Gutteridge *Bachelor of Ministry*

Ann Christine Phillips *Bachelor of Ministry*

Daniel Trevino Hernandez *Bachelor of Theology*

Kingson Selvaraj *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Jody Ann Chambers *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Leanne Marie Davis *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Adrienne Claire Inch *Master of Spiritual Direction*

Geoffrey Paul Johnston *Master of Theology*

Gillian Ann Powis *Master of Theology*

Martyn Paul Woodsford *Master of Theology*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Emily Rose Cooper *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Joshua James Mills *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Shanaya Clarisse Jontai Oaklands

Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity

Daniel James Townsend *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*

Mathew Thomas McCormack Wright *Diploma in Theology*

Gemma Hughes *Bachelor of Theology*

Thawng Zathang *Bachelor of Theology*

Paul William Bremner *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Harriet Jane Farquhar *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Bronwyn Maree Gowty *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Tracey Caroline Rule-Grech *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Brendan Robert Smith *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Uk Lian Thang *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Damian Francis Cehun *Graduate Certificate in Spirituality*

Deon Samuel Oliver *Graduate Certificate in Spirituality*

Hannah Rachel Bartle *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Woohyuk Choi *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*

Carmel Veronica Locaso

Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care

Kiat Moey Seah *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

Ronda Angelina Robertson *Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care*

Robert John Nyhuis *Master of Theology*

WOLLASTON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

John Malcolm Barnes *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*



YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Quoc Khoa Duong *Diploma in Theology*

Antonius Kristanto Papalesa *Diploma in Theology*

Cong Luong Tran *Diploma in Theology*

Adrian John Eldridge *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Petranel Theresa Christine Ferrao *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

Georgia Kate Fleming

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Tina Louise Gambino

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

Helen Elizabeth Dale *Master of Theological Studies*

Tuyet Trinh Tran *Master of Theological Studies*

Wai Ting Joseph Kwok *Master of Theology*

Ngoc Tan Nguyen *Master of Theology*

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Kerry Lyn Jones *Bachelor of Counselling*

Pui Sui Stephanie Loy-Reed *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Damien John Addison Martin *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Nicholas Alexandros Patselis *Graduate Certificate in Leadership*

Natalie Susan Chiera

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

Janet Elizabeth Costello

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

Joanne Crisp *Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Matthew William Georg

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

Cain Jaden McDonald

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

Dean Lawrence Rompis

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

Ian Maurice Warner *Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

Carolyn Mardi Elizabeth Wilkinson

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE RESEARCH

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

Timothy Philip Hender

Australian Lutheran College

Thesis: Theology in Community – Establishing an Inclusive Theological Model for an Early Twentieth Century Anglo-Catholic Parish

*Supervisors: Emeritus Professor Wendy Mayer and
Emeritus Professor Peter Sherlock*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Emmanuel Som Yalamu

Australian Lutheran College

Thesis: Attempting an Inculturation Biblical Hermeneutics for an Indigenous Christian Community in Melanesia – A Critical Dialogue between the Molap Bible Readers and Romans 12:1-2, 9-21.

Supervisors: Emeritus Professor Wendy Mayer, Reverend Professor Vicky Balabanski and Reverend Dr Stephen Haar

This inculturation hermeneutics addresses an indigenous Molap context. A Molap flood myth was brought into dialogue with Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 to observe commonalities between the two communities.

The thesis identified six commonalities. Appropriations for action in the contemporary Molap society encourage a holistic, integrated, and modern development strategy rooted in the Gospel.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR 2025

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.

Gillian Ann Powis

Uniting College for Leadership and Theology

Gillian is a warm and wonderful member of our community who in her studies has been creative, curious, diligent, engaged, and passionate about meaningful contextualisation. She delights in exploring and pushing boundaries, is excellent at languages, and is skilled in bringing biblical stories to life through performative storytelling.





VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

Daniel Hernandez

BTh 2025

Kate Gardiner

BTh 2025

GRADUATION ADDRESS

Professor James McLaren

The Vice-Chancellor

FINAL HYMN

Tell out my soul

CONCLUSION

The Chancellor

BLESSING

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith

Archbishop of Adelaide and

Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

REFRESHMENTS

All are welcome to refreshments in the Cynthia Poulton Hall, generously provided and hosted by St Barnabas College.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Council of the University of Divinity thanks the Dean and Cathedral Council of St Peter's Cathedral for provision of the venue for this Graduation Ceremony.

Photographer:

Sam Winderlich

Cathedral Organist:

Andrew Georg

Processional music

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Recessional music:

Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-1992)

FINAL HYMN

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 Groatorex

Together in Song #161



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.

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 VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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



Officers of the University

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