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*Graduation Address
delivered by*

The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM

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, distinguished guests, and members of the University's Council, ending with the University Mace and the Deputy 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 Deputy 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 Deputy Chancellor, grouped by Colleges, followed by candidates for research 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.
TODAY WE GATHER AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 28 STUDENTS.

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

It is a particular pleasure to welcome our guest speaker, the Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM.

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 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

ABOUT THE GUEST SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM

Heralding from regional Victoria, Dr Smith earned degrees from Monash University and the University of Divinity (formerly Melbourne College of Divinity). She completed her doctoral studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, in 1994. Her doctoral work considered how feminist biblical hermeneutics could inform Anglican worship and preaching, and she has been attempting to put that theory into practice ever since.

In 2020, Dr Smith was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours and in 2024, she was awarded the Archbishop of Canterbury's Thomas Cranmer Award for Worship, for her outstanding contribution to development of liturgy, hymnody and prayers for use in the Australian Anglican Church and internationally.

Dr Smith has led mission development work at diocesan level in Perth, and served as parish priest in suburban Melbourne and regional Western Australia. She now teaches and consults, creating new liturgical materials for contexts beyond the reach of the Prayer Book. She is committed to a focus on inclusive and expansive language, in an Australian accent.



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

*Guests are asked to switch off mobiles during the ceremony
Please join us in speaking the responses as indicated in red.*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Aunty Deborah Sandy

WELCOME

Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM

Deputy Chancellor

HYMN

Nothing less than love has saved us

OPENING PRAYERS

The Very Reverend Dr Peter Catt

Dean of St John's Cathedral Brisbane

God has shone in our hearts,

*All: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Bless the Lord all created things:

who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Bless the Lord all people of the earth:

who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:

bless the Lord you priests of the Lord,

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:

who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:

bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Let us pray with one heart and mind.

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest, opportunity to study
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour,
Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MARK 6: 30-44

Tevita Nukuluve Lefai MTheol 2026

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Spirit of adventure

INTERCESSIONS

Matthew James Siggins BTheol 2026

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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Touching heaven, changing earth

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE PRIZES

THE GRADUATION

NOTHING LESS THAN LOVE HAS SAVED US



1. Nothing less than love has saved us -
not our wisdom, art or skill.
Christ, amidst our mess and madness,
died and rose and, living still,
sends us, treasured, fed and cherished,
empty hearts to find and fill.

2. Nothing less than faith sustains us -
living water, pilgrims' bread.
Christ, the friend who never leaves us,
walks the unknown path we tread,
sends us, brave or trembling, onward
to the work that lies ahead.

3. Nothing less than justice calls us -
not what we may stand to gain.
Christ, beside the poor and voiceless,
pleads for peace, denounces pain,
sends us out to make a difference,
growing heaven's earthly reign.

4. Nothing less than Holy Spirit
gives our mission energy.
Christ, among the slow and fearful,
breathes the truth that sets us free,
sends us out to bless, forgive and
be the change we long to see.

5. Nothing less than all we are and
all we have and dream and do
you transform by grace, and make us
holy, humble, hopeful, true.
Threefold God of power and beauty,
start with us your world made new.

Words: © Elizabeth J. Smith (b.1956)

Music: REGENT SQUARE

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-79)

Together in Song #142



SPirit OF ADVENTURE



1. Spirit of adventure, stir us to live boldly,
proud of the message we bear.
Make us true apostles, going where Christ sends us,
bringing forgiveness and care.

Words: © Elizabeth J. Smith (b.1956)

Music: THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Ernest Sands (b.1949)

Together in Song #183

Refrain

*In our daily living, in our faithful loving,
teach us to spread the Good News to all,
in word and in action, in prayer and in service,
help us to answer Christ's call.*

2. Spirit of instruction, lead us in embracing
truth with our whole heart and mind,
exploring the scripture, learning from tradition,
eager to share what we find.

Refrain

3. Spirit of surprises, show us new directions,
bless us with grace as we go,
songs for the long journey, greetings to give strangers,
news of the Saviour we know.

Refrain

TOUCHING HEAVEN, CHANGING EARTH

We will seek Your face Almighty God,
Turn and pray for You to heal our land.
Father, let revival start in us;
Ev'ry heart will know Your kingdom come.

Chorus

*Lifting up the name of the Lord
In power and in unity;
We will see the nations turn,
Touching heaven, changing earth.
Lifting up the name of the Lord
In power and in unity.
We will see the nations turn,
Touching heaven, changing earth,
Touching heaven, changing earth.*

Never looking back, we'll run the race,
Giving you our lives, we'll gain the prize.
We will take the harvest given us,
Tho' we sow in tears we'll reap in joy.

Chorus

Send revival, send revival, send revival to us,
Send revival, send revival, send revival to us,
Send revival, send revival, send revival to us,
Send revival, send revival, send revival to us!

Chorus

Words and music: Reuben Morgan (b.1975)

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GRADUATION

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



AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Madelene Rose Beckmann *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Daudi Lazarus *Master of Divinity*
Youjie Li *Master of Theology*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Wayne Anthony Crouch *Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation*
Aaron James Carlin *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*
Lisa Maree McKerr *Master of Theological Studies*
Tevita Nukuluve Lefai *Master of Theology*
Daniel Rafanomezantsoa *Master of Theology*

EVA BURROWS COLLEGE

Jodie Faye McInnes *Diploma in Theology*
and Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity
Peter Arthur Hardy *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*
Andrew Banks Wainwright *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

ST ATHANASIUS COLLEGE

Marie Therese Lee-Conway *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

ST BARNABAS COLLEGE

Jack Arthur Monaghan *Bachelor of Theology*

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE

Paul John Timberlake *Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity*
Alexander George Christofis *Bachelor of Theology*
Katharine Mary Elspeth Kelly *Bachelor of Theology*
Matthew James Siggins *Bachelor of Theology*
Allana Andrea Wales *Bachelor of Theology*
Deidre Christina Seeley *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

UNITING COLLEGE FOR LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

Jennifer Eril Strath *Graduate Certificate in Divinity*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Johanna Margaret Malcolm *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*
Felicity Jane Dougherty *Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care*

WOLLASTON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Vicky Lloyd D'Souza *Bachelor of Theology*

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Marianne Josephine Dacy *Graduate Diploma in Divinity*
and Graduate Certificate in Divinity
Adrian John Eldridge *Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE HOSTED BY WHITLEY COLLEGE

Melanie Gay Downes *Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision*

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mark Gerard Craig

Catholic Theological College

An Understanding of Reality That Is Linguistic, Robust, and Provisional: Language and Its Influence on the Claim to What Is True or Real

This thesis argues that language is the primary mediator of meaning, shaping and limiting our understanding of reality and truth. While art and symbols contribute, they rely on linguistic interpretation. Our grasp of reality is robust yet provisional, continually mediated and transformed through language and interpretation.

Supervisors: The Most Reverend Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay and the Reverend Dr Chris Mulherin

Wing Yin Yau

Catholic Theological College

An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis on Ethical Presence in Christian Spiritual Direction

Using Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA), this is one of the first studies that includes the lived experiences of both spiritual directors and directees in exploring the concept of Ethical Presence. Themes identified were categorised into four groups (Self, Other, God and Situation) to represent the four areas of awareness that guide directors.

Supervisors: The Reverend Dr Alan Niven, Dr Bernadette Miles, Professor Dawn Brooker and Dr Cullan Joyce

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.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR 2026

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.

Allana Andrea Wales

St Francis College

In addition to her outstanding academic work, Allana has contributed actively to College and University governance, including service as the student representative on the College Academic Committee and participation in other university panels. Her engagement reflects a thoughtful commitment to the academic community and student representation.





VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES

Allana Andrea Wales BTheol 2026

GRADUATION ADDRESS

The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith AM

FINAL HYMN

Doxology

CONCLUSION

The Deputy Chancellor

BLESSING

The Most Reverend Associate Professor Shane Mackinlay

Archbishop, Archdiocese of Brisbane

Go in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

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

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures here below,
praise God above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken 1637-1711 alt.

Music: OLD 100TH

Melody from the 'Genevan Psalter', 1551

Together in Song 768(i)

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

Music was provided by Andrej Kouznetsov, Assistant Director of Music at St John's Cathedral, and members of the music team from St Mark's The Gap.

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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.





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