

Deputy Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Archbishop Shane, Dean Peter Catt, distinguished guests, faculty, graduands, family and friends.

To paraphrase Mary Oliver, what are you going to do with your one free and wild call on your life? Surrendering to the God-given call on my life has meant that I've been ordained as Anglican minister. However, there continue to be multivalent parts of that call. I am a violinist and musician, having attended Griffith University Conservatorium of Music here in Brisbane, and twenty years after that study, I continue to learn more about the performance of my instrument.

Over the time of the Bachelor of Theology, which began under Charles Sturt University, and finished with the University of Divinity, I have undertaken both formation and academic requirements involved in preparing to be set apart for sacramental ministry. I am especially grateful to the staff and faculty of St. Francis College for their enduring faith in me. I am grateful that you see the possibilities for my life that I cannot see. Over the time of my Bachelor of Theology, you have invested in me, and I thank you. Your stewardship and affirmation have given me both responsibility for and confidence in my own skills, which is why I am at present undertaking postgraduate study.

Daily I am reminded that I may not know all the God-given possibilities that are open to our attention. Thank goodness the future is not all up to me. It continues to be fashioned by the unmistakable bonds I have with this community of learners, and clergy and people of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland. That cloud of witnesses is here today. From here, my task is to continue to engage with that one clear call into more abundant life, and to continue to learn.

Thank you for this award.

