The Protestant Cadet Chapel

United States Air Force Academy

Class of 1973
Protestant Baccalaureate Service
3 June 1973

BACCALAUREATE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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1730 — 1900

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude — James Roger Boyd

Prelude and Fugue in e — Johann Sebastian Bach
(The Cathedral)

The Choral Call to Worship — The Cadet Choir

The Call to Worship — Chaplain Benson

Chaplain Who do you think you are?
People: *We are the Church of Jesus Christ.*
Chaplain: What are you doing here?
People: *We have gathered here to remember what it means to be a person, a Christian, and a church.*
Chaplain: Will your minds and hearts be open to God's word?
People: *We will try to be open to God's word.*
Chaplain: Good. Then we can proceed. Let us praise the God who is Creator of all things and Father of us all.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN — The Choir and Congregation

God of Our Fathers — Hymn No. 391

*THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS — The Color Bearers

The Orison, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* — (4th Stanza)

Our father's God to Thee, Author of liberty
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON — Chaplain Benson

Call to Confession (facing ourselves)

Chaplain: God has given us life, but we have not lived. We have been called to freedom, but we have found the burden heavy, the anxiety painful. In fear and pride we have turned from Him to live in self-deceits and to serve other lords. May we admit commonly our willfulness and our weakness in denying what is given. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (admitting our failures)

All: *Our Father, we come knowing that we have failed in so many ways. Sometimes we have tried to hide from You, from one another, and even from ourselves. There have been times when we have drawn back from the right because it was a difficult, crucifying experience. Too often we have involved ourselves in a meaningless round of activities that lead nowhere and do not bring satisfaction. We have treated persons as things and things as gods. We have strayed far from the fullness of life that You have made possible for us. Forgive us for our self-centeredness, our weakness, our living death, and give us the courage to accept the pain of complete commitment which brings new birth and healing of our brokenness.*

Words of Pardon (recognizing our freedom)

Chaplain: Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven; go and sin no more." And I say to you, do not weep or punish yourself, for you are accepted just as you are, the good and the bad, all wrapped up together. Whatever you have done you are free from bondage to your past and from anxiety for your future. You are free to live fully in the present. You are valued as you are. Life is good as it is given. The future is open. Arise, pick up your life and walk!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROTESTANT CADET RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

Introductions	Chaplain Benson
Citations	Chaplain Chapman
Presentations	Chaplain Johnson

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentences	Chaplain Chapman
The Offertory Anthem	The Cadet Choir
The Last Words of David	Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just,
Ruling in the fear of God.
And He shall be as the light of the morning
When the sun riseth,
Even a morning without clouds;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth
by clear shining after rain.
Alleluia. Amen.

Text: 2 Samuel, XXIII 3, 4
Music: Randall Thompson

*THE DOXOLOGY (Text: Old Hundredth, No. 418)

OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IN PRAYER

The Call to Prayer

The Cadet Prayer 1730 – C1C Conrad Baldwin CWDS-36
1900 – C1C Robert Gilbert CWDS-36

Lord, God of hosts, my life is a stewardship in Your sight. Grant the light of Your wisdom to the path of my cadet days. Instill within me an abiding awareness of my responsibility toward You, my country, and my fellowman. I ask true humility that, knowing self, I may rise above human frailty. I ask courage that I may prove faithful to duty beyond self. I ask unfailing devotion to personal integrity that I may ever remain honorable without compromise. Make me an effective instrument of Your peace in the defense of the skies that canopy free nations. So guide me daily in each thought, word, and deed, that I may fulfill Your will. May these graces abide with me, my loved ones, and all who share my country's trust. We ask our prayer in the name of our Master and Leader of men, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer Chaplain Johnson

The Lord's Prayer In Unison

THE LITANY Chaplain Rice

Chaplain: Almighty God, we give You most hearty thanks for the vision, the devotion to learning, the patience, and the industry of all those men whose efforts resulted in the establishment of this Academy as a center of learning and professional training.

People: *We give thanks to You, good Lord.*

Chaplain: For the officers who have devoted their lives to the inculcation of sound learning and good manners and who have enabled this Academy to develop into a great institution.

People: *We thank You, good Lord.*

Chaplain: For the members of the Class of 1973 with all their hopes and aspirations, now about to graduate and to assume their new duties as citizens in a turbulent and challenging world.

People: *We thank You, good Lord.*

Chaplain: For the interest and encouragement of all parents and friends who have assisted in the achievement of this milestone in the lives of our graduates.

People: *For these and all Your blessings, we give You thanks, O Lord.*

Chaplain: That we may be filled with the sense of obligation to use the power of our learning, not for selfish and narrow purposes; but for the service of all mankind.

People: *We beseech You, good Lord.*

Chaplain: That this Academy may go forward through the years, ever fulfilling its sacred trust to serve as a center of culture and learning where wisdom both divine and human may be cherished, preserved, and interpreted; that it may thrive as a community, where new thoughts and progressive actions may be encouraged and evaluated, and that while cherishing the old, we may never allow tradition, for its own sake, to hamper the realization of Your will for the welfare of all mankind.

People: *We beseech You, good Lord.*

Chaplain: O God, grant us wisdom with our learning.

All: *Merciful Father, we pray for all the service academies, colleges, and universities of this and other lands, that sound learning may flourish to enrich men's lives and sustain their godly aspirations that Your Kingdom may come and Your will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THE CHORAL AMEN — The Choir

THE READING FROM GOD'S HOLY WORD

1730 – C1C Mike Hub CWDS-02
1900 – C1C Byron Beal CWDS-07

THE ANTHEM

Hymn for Those Who Fly — M. H. Allard

Before the sea, before the land Appeared,
O God, at Thy command,
Airborne our planet home was set
To trace the path it follows yet:
Behold them, Lord of time and space,
Thy children winged, who pray Thy space.

Lord God Creater, Who design'd
That dust should grow a heart and mind
Intent to seek out all the plan
That brought it forth, from dust to Man:
Do Thou be with us when we dare
Adventure in the trackless air.

Though men conspire, by Satan taught,
To bring Thy Word of Love to naught,
Let Man, whose spirit is Thine own,
Still strive to make all earth Thy throne:
And crown, serene o'er worldly strife,
Thyself our Way, our Truth, our Life.

As our horizons wider grow
And, learning, we learn more to know
May we Thy pilgrims, Lord, remain, –
Thy joy the shrine we would attain:
And Thou the star that guides our wings
Safe home to Thee, O King of Kings!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S HOLY WORD — Mr. William P. Thompson

*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION
Rise Up, O Men of God — Hymn No. 296

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, my ultimate Father . . . who, in a moment of love, inspired my creation.
Therefore, it naturally followed that He would send His Son to show me that despite the cruelties and hypocrisies that man is capable of, love for Him would overcome any conceivable physical or mental pain.
Except for those moments of foolish doubt or angry denial . . . I believe in God, in Jesus Christ, the right of other men to accept or reject my God, the freedom of the individual, some form of final reward or judgment, and the triumph of unselfish love.
Help me to love and respect my earth companions regardless of age, and though they may be different from me.
I pray for those who are close to me.
and far from me
and others I will never know.
Peace and Amen.

*THE PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Lord, Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly — (Stanzas 1 & 4) Hymn No. 401

*THE BENEDICTION — Chaplain Chapman

THE POSTLUDE
Toccata and Fugue in d — Johann Sebastian Bach

*Congregation Standing

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Lt General A. P. Clark

DEAN OF FACULTY
Brig General William T. Woodyard

COMMANDANT OF CADETS
Brig General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr.

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Ch, Colonel, Mervin R. Johnson
Ch, Lt Colonel, Robert L. Benson
Ch, Lt Colonel, James W. Chapman
Ch, Major, Jerry L. Rice