

Webster Groves High School Baccalaureate Service Class of 1971

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1971 – 5:00 p.m.

The Order of Worship



*The People Stand

*** Ushers will seat those standing.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Mrs. W. F. Symes, Director of Music, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

PROCESSIONAL OF THE GRADUATES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Alan Absher, Graduate

*HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee, Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

*INVOCATION:

The Rev. Neal Haynes, Minister, The First Baptist Church, Webster Groves

READING FROM THE BIBLE:

Proverbs 4:10-27

Byron Dixon, Graduate

ANTHEM:

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The Chapel Choir, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

PRAYER:

The Rev. Robert Mutton, Minister With Youth, First Congregational Church, Webster Groves.

CHORAL RESPONSE:

"The Lord's Prayer"

Herbert G. Draesel, Jr.

*THE LITANY FOR PRIORITIES:

The Rev. John W. Ward, Jr., Minister, First United Methodist Church, Webster Groves, assisted by Gini Sue Samuels, Graduate.

Leader: We bring to you Lord, the question of life's priorities. We find it difficult to determine what should claim our time and interest. As we are gathered in Your presence, we ask that You will give us an unhindered view of what You consider important for our lives. We want to serve You obediently. Help us to know Your will and to put it into operation in our lives.

Class: Help us, Lord, to see people not in categories of race, sex, class or position, but as living and human persons created in Your image.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to have the courage to fight evil and prejudice in the spirit of nonviolence and love, making no peace with oppression and injustice wherever we discover it.

Class: Help us, Lord, to inform our minds and enlighten our ignorance so that we may do battle with evil in specific social and economic situations which limit another person's opportunities to life and happiness.

Leader: Lord, is it possible for these graduates of Webster Groves High School to avoid empty smiles and polite forms which perpetuate evasion of trust and dishonest relationships as they join adult society?

Class: Lord, we believe it is Your purpose for us to find new life for ourselves and for the people on planet Earth.

Leader: We live in a world where there is death:

There is death in the air we call smog

There is death in the water we call pollution

There is death in the cities we call racism

There is death in Indo China we call war.

Class: We ask for life, new life, real life for ourselves, our brothers, our world.

Leader: God, come like a breath of fresh air, Come like a drink of clear water, Come like the embrace of a brother, Come like peace at the end of war.

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Leader

& Class: We thank You for this company of graduates, families and friends. We ask that whatever else is said about us, it will be said that in the midst of death we brought life, to the air, in the water, with our brothers, at peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS: "For Kicks or For Keeps?"

Dr. Raymond McCallister, Minister, Webster Groves Christian Church.

*ANTHEM: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller and Jackson (The Congregation will rise and listen the first time through and join in singing the second time.)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother — in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION:

Reverend Gerald Simpson, Associate Pastor, Mary Queen of Peace.

*CHORAL RESPONSE: "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You"
The Congregation will be seated for the Recessional of Graduates.

RECESSIONAL OF GRADUATES:

Clark Davis, Graduate, Organist.

The Baccalaureate Service is sponsored by the Senior Mothers' Club. We express our appreciation to the program participants; the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church for use of the church facilities; the First Congregational Church and the Webster Groves Trust Company for the use of their parking lots; and to the Retired Men's Club of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church serving as ushers.