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Friday, May 3, 2013  $\longleftarrow$  4 pm  
*Morris Chapel*

University of the Pacific  
Stockton, California

# PLATFORM PARTY

Joel N. Lohr  
*University Multifaith Chaplain*

Matthew J. Olson '04, '09  
*President, Pacific Alumni Association*

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# PROGRAM

**Prelude** . . . . . *Ms. Thao Tran*  
*Organist*

Guests will please remain seated during the processional.

**Processional** . . . . . *The Concinnity Quartet*  
Canonic Suite, Elliott Carter  
ii, Allegretto con moto

**Welcome** . . . . . *Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck*  
*President*

**Invocation** . . . . . *Dr. Mohammad ElFarra*  
*Imam, Islamic Center of Manteca, California*

**Student Address** . . . . . *Ms. Zarghona Fazli*  
*Ms. Asma Patel*  
*Muslim Student Association*

**Student Address** . . . . . *Ms. Alexis Duclos*  
*Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship*

**Musical Performance** . . . . . *The Concinnity Quartet*  
Claire de Lune, Claude Debussy

**Remarks** . . . . . *Dr. Elizabeth Griego*  
*Vice President for Student Life*  
Remembering Pacific

**Student Address** . . . . . *Mr. Andy Hanson*  
*Newman Catholic Community*

**Student Address** . . . . . *Mr. Hamza Siddiqui*  
*Muslim Student Association*

**Baccalaureate Address** . . . . . *Dr. Joel N. Lohr*  
*University Multifaith Chaplain*

**Prayers of the Community** . . . . . *Ms. Catherine Vo*  
*Newman Catholic Community*

**Alumni Recognition** . . . . . *Mr. Matthew J. Olson '04, '09*  
*President,*  
*Pacific Alumni Association*

**Benediction** . . . . . *Chaplain Lohr*

**Recessional** . . . . . *Ms. Tran*  
“Prelude and Fugue in B flat major”  
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

**Postlude**

# BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

A baccalaureate service is a celebratory occasion that honors a graduating senior class at educational institutions, usually held before commencement. It often highlights the religious and philosophical traditions of the university’s student body and contains a farewell sermon. It also contains musical performances and student addresses. University of the Pacific is proud to continue this longstanding tradition, honoring its multifaceted, multifaith, and diverse community.

## Morris Chapel

“The College of the Pacific serves students of all faiths, and Morris Chapel renders service to them all without distinction at all times.” So wrote Ovid Ritter in 1946, then executive vice president and comptroller, just four years after the dedication (April 19, 1942) of the newly constructed Chapel. Conceived by President Knoles in 1937, and initially funded by a gift of Percy and Lillie Morris, the Chapel has been a spiritual lighthouse for the University. Today Morris Chapel and the university’s “Sacred Space” in Colliver Hall (next to the Chapel) serve as the focal points for worship on campus, where people of all religious and spiritual traditions are welcome. Morris Chapel has also provided a venue for the celebration of marriage for thousands of couples, both within and beyond the University community.

## The University Multifaith Chaplain

The Chaplain’s mission is to ensure that Pacific is a safe and welcoming place for people of all faith traditions as well as people of no faith tradition, and to provide leadership in meeting the spiritual needs of Pacific students, faculty, and staff. The Chaplain officiates at many University-wide events and is responsible for the overall management of Morris Chapel. The Chaplain also oversees the department of Religious and Spiritual Life and works collaboratively with the Catholic Campus Minister, the director of Pacific Christian Fellowship, and other faith communities in the Stockton area as they seek to serve the needs of Pacific students. Through the Interfaith Council and collaboration with other university departments, the Office of the Chaplain provides support to the University’s student religious organizations and many social justice organizations.

## Interfaith Council

Pacific's Interfaith Council (IFC) is a place for students from many faith traditions to come together, make friends, and learn more about one another's faith and religious traditions. IFC co-sponsors numerous events throughout the year with student religious groups, such as the Muslim Student Association's "Fast-A-Thon," the South Asian Student Association's annual Diwali celebration, and a Hanukkah party with Hillel. IFC also hosts annual retreats, speakers throughout the year, and interfaith services for Homecoming, Parent and Family Weekend, and Baccalaureate. Interfaith groups include: Hillel, Jewish student organization; South Asian Student Association; Muslim Student Association; Coptic Club; Black Campus Ministries; Secular Student Alliance; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Newman Catholic Community; and Pacific Christian Fellowship.

## The Inscriptions

A remarkable feature of Morris Chapel is the inscription of the Apostles' Creed, written in Latin (likely its original language) above the side arches in the nave. The Apostles' Creed is one of the earliest known professions of Christian faith and was used as a baptismal confession in Rome possibly as early as the second century of the Common Era. Over the chancel arch is inscribed the Kyrie (Kyrie eleison..., Christe eleison..., Kyrie eleison...; Lord have mercy..., Christ have mercy..., Lord have mercy...), another of the most ancient liturgical elements of Christian worship, used perhaps even by the very first Christian communities.

## The Sanctuary Window

The great Sanctuary Window above and behind the altar originally consisted of three tall and narrow lancet windows, which were installed in Temple Methodist Church in San Francisco in 1930. These windows were removed when the church gave up its building in 1937, and were then on exhibition in the Temple of Religion at the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939–1940, after which they were presented to Morris Chapel by the trustees of the Temple Methodist Church. The three separate windows were then merged into one large window consisting of three great panels as you see them now, and were installed for the enrichment of our sanctuary and to the glory of God. Note the three principal figures from left to right representing Faith, Love (I John 4:8; Jesus with the children), and Hope.

## The Rose Window

At the opposite end of the Chapel over the gallery is the Rose Window, also a gift of Temple Methodist. It expresses symbolically the Life of Christ. Beginning with the lowest rosette, the descending dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit hovering over Mary the mother of Jesus at the moment of her conception. Moving clockwise, the five-pointed Star of Bethlehem recalls the Epiphany of Jesus to the wise men from the East, and subsequently to all nations beyond Israel. The next rosette portrays the figure of an open book, the Bible, the Word of God, which Jesus is and which he preached. At the top, the figure of the sun encircling the Greek abbreviation for Jesus' name (IHC) recalls his title as the Sun of Righteousness. To the right, the chalice recalls his last Passover meal with his disciples, and the sacrament of the Eucharist that he instituted there. In the last rosette, the crown of thorns symbolizes his passion. The abbreviation, INRI, stands for Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Legend holds that Pilate commanded it to be placed over Jesus's head on the cross. The central rosette of the Cross and the Crown recalls the Kingdom of God, which Christians believe was announced and initiated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

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*Sarah Hafley — Clarinet*

*Thao Tran — Organ*

*Sean Widger — Clarinet*

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