



## MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

# BACCALAUREATE

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT · SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

### ORDER OF PROCESSION

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Danielle Stillman, *Associate Chaplain, Rabbi,  
Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life*

Zahra Moeini Meybodi, *Associate Muslim Chaplain,  
Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life*

### CEREMONY

#### CARILLON

George Matthew Jr., *College Carillonneur*

#### PRELUDE

Toccatina in F by Johann Sebastian Bach

#### PROCESSIONAL

Cwm Rhondda by John Hughes (adapted to Walls of Ivy, 1942)

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND INVOCATION

Danielle Stillman, *Associate Chaplain, Rabbi, Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life*

#### OPENING PRAYER IN THE ABENAKI LANGUAGE AND MUSIC

Improvisation for Native Flute, Jesse Bowman Bruchac, *Director, School of Abenaki*

#### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Ian B. Baucom, *President*

#### READING

On a Life of Meaning, *Student Readers*

#### MUSIC

Rise Up My Love by Healy Willan, *Middlebury College Choir*

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On a Life of Meaning, *Student Readers*

#### MUSIC

Noche by William Mortell '26, words by Vicente Huidobro

#### BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Ian B. Baucom, *President*

#### MUSIC

Grace Before Sleep by Susan LaBarr, words by Sara Teasdale

#### BENEDICTION

Mark R. Orten, *Dean, Director, Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life*

#### POSTLUDE

Song of Joy by Jean Langlais

## **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

Founded in 1800 with Protestant roots, Middlebury College has always been a nonsectarian institution. This Baccalaureate service pays honor to the full history of the College and its many traditions. One of these is an address to the senior class by the president at the time of Commencement.

The Baccalaureate service intends to welcome people of all faiths and no faith in the spirit of the College's intellectual heritage. We extend warm greetings to all those in attendance, affirming the importance of shared human values that are central to religious traditions and beliefs. We recognize our rich past and celebrate the diversity of beliefs and worldviews represented among the members of this senior class and those in attendance.

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Jeffrey Buettner, *Director of Choral Activities,*  
*Christian A. Johnson Professor of Music*

George Matthew Jr., *College Carillonneur*

Middlebury College Choir

Readings and choral music for this service were selected by the participating students and graduates.

## **RISE UP MY LOVE**

*Words from the Song of Solomon 2:10*

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear upon the earth.  
The time of singing of birds is come.  
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

## **NOCHE**

*Words by Vicente Huidobro,*

*Translation by William Mortell '26*

You can hear the night glide over the snow  
The song fell from the trees and voices called  
through the fog  
With a glance I lit my cigar  
Every time I open my lips I fill the void with clouds  
In the port the masts are filled with nests  
And the wind moans between the rings of birds  
The waves rock the dead ship  
Whistling on the shore I watch the star that smokes  
between my fingers

## **GRACE BEFORE SLEEP**

*Words by Sara Teasdale*

How can our minds and bodies be  
grateful enough that we have spent,  
here in this generous room,  
this evening of content?  
Each one of us has walked through storm  
and fled the wolves along the road;  
but here the hearth is wide and warm.  
And for this shelter and this light  
accept, O Lord, our thanks tonight.