The One Hundred Seventy-seventh
Commencement

Baccalaureate

for Candidates for the Bachelor’s Degree
Cannon Chapel
Friday, the Sixth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-two
Four Thirty in the Afternoon
Emory University Land Acknowledgment

Emory University acknowledges the Muscogee (Creek) people who lived, worked, produced knowledge on, and nurtured the land where Emory’s Oxford and Atlanta campuses are now located. In 1821, fifteen years before Emory’s founding, the Muscogee were forced to relinquish this land. We recognize the sustained oppression, land dispossession, and involuntary removals of the Muscogee and Cherokee peoples from Georgia and the Southeast. Emory seeks to honor the Muscogee Nation and other Indigenous caretakers of this land by humbly seeking knowledge of their histories and committing to respectful stewardship of the land.

Gathering Music

Maury Allums
Director of Music, Office of Spiritual and Religious Life

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Gregory W. McGonigle
Dean of Religious Life and University Chaplain

Greetings from the President

Gregory L. Fenves
President of the University

Introduction to the Invocations and Reflections

Brahmacharini Shweta Chaitanya
Hindu Chaplain

Invocations from Our Traditions

From Hinduism
Parul Sharma 22C

From Buddhism
Meha Srivastava 22C

From Judaism
Eden Medina 20Ox 22C

From Christianity
Grace Gerenday 22C

From Islam
Sultan Minhas 22C

Opening Music

Morning Has Broken, Words, Eleanor Farjeon; Music, Gaelic Melody

Student Reflections

Riya Mehta 22C and Naman Santdasani 22B, Hindu Community

First Interlude

It Don’t Have to Change, John Legend

AHANA

Student Reflections

Noah Lee 22C, Jewish Community
Eliana Namen 22C, Catholic Community

Time of Remembrance

Maddie Henderson
Christian Chaplain

Second Interlude

I Was Here, Beyoncé

AHANA

Student Reflections

Ahmed Aljohani 22C, Muslim Community
Pushkar Shinde 22C, Humanist Community

Third Interlude

Glory, John Legend

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BACCALAUREATE

PREPARING TO GO FORTH

Isam Vaid 93Ox 95C 99PH
MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LIFE SCHOLAR

BENEDICTION OF THE DEANS

Enku Gelaye
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF CAMPUS LIFE

Michael A. Elliott
DEAN, EMMORY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Linda A. McCauley 79N
DEAN, NELL HODGSON WOODRUFF SCHOOL OF NURSING

Jill Perry-Smith
SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, GOIZUETA BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Rev. Dr. Gregory W. McGonigle
DEAN OF RELIGIOUS LIFE AND UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN

CLOSING MUSIC

Guide My Feet, Traditional African American Spiritual

All are welcome to a reception following today’s celebration
downstairs in the Brooks Commons.

The Emory University Office of Spiritual and Religious Life offers special
thanks to the religious life affiliates who are serving as our distinguished
greeters for today’s celebration.

AHANA

Zitlali Arellano 22C
Kaleb Branch 24C
Eddy Cabrera Jr. 22C
Seymone Clarke 21Ox 23C
Sumaiya Dickens 25C
Jalen Harris 25C
Zeaven Hoxie 24C
Alexa Lisenby 23C
Matthew Nails 22C

Daryl Nana 22B
Anushka Nayak 25C
Malcolm Phillips 23B
Shreya Reddy 23C
Avery Rose 25C
Amna Sadig 23C
Devyn Townsend 23C
Jerusalem Tsige 23C
Ammar Ul Haq 25C