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Kenneth R. Borrmann, MMus  
*Acting Dean, School of Music*

### **PROCESSIONAL**

“Pomp and Circumstance”  
(March No. 1), Elgar  
Mr. Borrmann

### **MARSHALS**

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### **WELCOME**

Todd J. Williams, PhD  
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### **OPENING PRAYER**

Mrs. Betty Jane Hess  
*Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

### **MUSIC SELECTION**

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”  
From The Opera The Masque of Angel  
Dominick Argento  
Cairn University Chorale  
Dr. David Shockey, DMA  
*Director*  
(Click for lyrics)

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Evan M. Carey  
*Candidate for Master of Divinity*

### **MUSIC SELECTION**

“God Thou Art Love”  
Craig Courtney  
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### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Keith W. Plummer, PhD  
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### **\*SENIOR HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Mary E. Bryne/Donald P. Hustad  
(Click for lyrics)

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### **\*UNIVERSITY HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
T.O. Chisholm/W.M. Runyan  
(Click for lyrics)

### **RECESSIONAL**

“Te Deum”  
M. Charpentier  
Mr. Borrmann

### **CHARGE TO GRADUATES**

#### **President:**

“I charge you as graduates of this institution and followers of Jesus Christ to commit yourselves to being faithful stewards of that which you have received here, to cultivate and keep active the life of the mind, to attend to your continual study of holy scripture and to the disciplines of the spiritual life that you may grow in faith and in the knowledge and grace of God, and to give of yourselves in sacrificial service to your Lord, which is your spiritual act of worship. Will you here now commit to the pursuit of an intentional and integrated Christian life; will you purpose to expend your energies and talents in service to Christ in the church, society, and the world and for the glory of God? If so, please respond by saying, ‘I will, by God’s grace.’”

#### **Graduates’ Response:**

“I will, by God’s grace.”

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## MUSIC SELECTION

### “GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO”

From The Opera The Masque of Angel

Dominick Argento

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus

bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te,

benedicimus te,

adoramus te,

glorificamus te,

Gloria Deo, Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

Glory to God, Amen.

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## SENIOR CLASS HYMN

### “BE THOU MY VISION”

*Traditional Irish Hymn, c. 8th C; Mary E. Bryne/Donald P. Hustad*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## UNIVERSITY HYMN

### "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

*Thomas O. Cbisbolm/William M. Runyan*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

#### **Refrain:**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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CUM LAUDE—RED/WHITE RIBBON  
*(3.50-3.74)*

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## **TODD J. WILLIAMS, PhD**

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Dr. Todd J. Williams is president of Cairn University. Prior to his appointment as president of Cairn University in 2008, Dr. Williams served as senior vice president and provost for the University. From 2001 until 2005 he served as headmaster and CEO of Trinity Christian School of Fairfax. While in northern Virginia, he also served as visiting lecturer for the Witherspoon Fellowship in Washington D.C.

From 1999–2001 Dr. Williams served as vice president and academic dean for undergraduate education at Cairn, where he began his educational career as a faculty member teaching social sciences in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

He holds a BS in Bible degree from Cairn University and an MEd and a PhD from Temple University in Philadelphia. He is a regular contributor to online and print publications and serves as a visiting lecturer and speaker on cultural and professional issues. He is the chairman of the Board of Governors of The John Jay Institute in Pennsylvania and a member of the Board of Directors of Gospel Volunteers Inc.

Dr. Williams and his wife, Dawn, have two grown children, Connor and Caitlin.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **DR. CHARLES FRANCIS SCHEIDE SR. '64**

Dr. Charles Francis Scheide Sr. went to be with the Lord on January 2, 2024, at 85 years old. As a young man in 1959, he began attending Cairn University, where he studied in the pre-theology program and played soccer and baseball, for which he was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor. He graduated in 1964 and would go on to serve in a number of roles, including husband to Joanna (Slavin) Scheide '61, father of three, pastor of several churches, the dean of students at Word of Life Florida, a coach, and a member of the University Board of Trustees from 1986 to 2009. He was given the designation of board emeritus to honor his 23 years of service to the University.

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The academic procession is a continuing medieval tradition in modern university life. The somber gowns and colorful hoods are similar to those worn by scholars and churchmen as early as the twelfth century. The garb in those times had an element of utility. The robes were warm; the hoods could be drawn up to protect against drafts in unheated buildings.

Traditionally, the hood's silken lining has been in the color of the wearer's university, and the color of the bordering velvet indicates the special area of study. White velvet represents arts, letters and humanities; red, theology; dark blue, philosophy; light blue, education; yellow, science; brown, fine arts; mustard, business; purple, law; dark green, medicine; lilac, dentistry; olive, pharmacy; pink, music; orange, engineering; citron, social work; blue-violet, architecture.

Gowns representing the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees vary in style. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves; the master's gown, longer, narrow closed sleeves which extend below the knees; and the doctor's gown, full bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet and a front opening faced with wide velvet bands in either black or the color indicating the area of study.

The traditional cap is a mortarboard, although the tam and the Elizabethan are seen on some of the faculty. The tassel is often black, although it is frequently gold for the doctorate. There is no general rule for the position of the tassel on a mortarboard. However, it has become customary for candidates for degrees to wear the tassels on the right side before the degrees are conferred and to shift them to the left at the moment the degrees are awarded to them.

Red gowns signify members of the Board of Trustees, though not all members are wearing them today.