



# Yale University

*Baccalaureate Ceremony*

May 17, 2026

New Haven, Connecticut



Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## READINGS

*Please be seated.*

Pericles Lewis *Dean of Yale College*

## ANTHEM

The Yale Glee Club

Jeffrey Jay Douma *Director*

*Alleluia* Randall Thompson, 1899–1984

## BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Maurie McInnis *University President*

## HYMN

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

God of all people. *Tune: National Hymn*



God of all people, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## BENEDICTION

David Rivera *Assistant University Chaplain*

## RECESSIONAL

*Please be seated during the recessional.*

*Suite from the Monterey Hills* Morley Calvert, 1928–1991

## BACCALAUREATE TRADITIONS

Those sitting on the platform are the president, provost, and secretary and vice president for university life; the deans of Yale College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science; the university chaplain and members of the chaplaincy; the senior associate, associate, and assistant deans of Yale College; the heads and deans of the residential colleges; the dean of undergraduate admissions; the director of athletics; and the executive director of the Yale Alumni Association.

Since Yale's first century, students and faculty members have gathered before Commencement for Baccalaureate ceremonies. The name of the ceremony comes from one of the earliest terms applied to the university degree of bachelor, and Yale students receiving the degree continue to assemble for this event in the university's fourth century.

Today, reflecting the diversity of faith traditions on campus, student leaders from several religions participate in the program by reading from sacred texts. Continuing tradition, chaplains offer prayers, and hymns and an anthem are sung.

## DIGITAL PROGRAM AND LIVESTREAM



An accessible PDF of this program, as well as a captioned broadcast of the ceremony, can be found on the Yale 2026 website by visiting [yale2026.yale.edu](http://yale2026.yale.edu) or hovering your phone's camera over the code at left.

## GUEST RESOURCES



For details to help families and guests navigate their time in New Haven, including parking and shuttle information, accessibility services, public safety resources, and frequently asked questions, hover your phone's camera over the code at left.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For graduates of Yale College, Baccalaureate is the first of several formal ceremonies that comprise Commencement Weekend.

The other major scheduled events are:

Yale College Class Day

Sunday, May 17, 2026

2:00 PM

Old Campus

University Commencement (*Ticket holders only*)

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:30 AM (*Gates open at 8:00 AM*)

Old Campus

Diploma Ceremonies

Monday, May 18, 2026

*The diploma ceremonies are held immediately following the conclusion of Commencement exercises and take place in each residential college courtyard. A map of diploma ceremony locations is available at [yale2026.yale.edu](http://yale2026.yale.edu).*



DANIELS GATE

MILLER GATE

BATTELL CHAPEL

LANMAN-WRIGHT HALL

Accessible Seating

HIGH STREET GATE

DWIGHT CHAPEL

LINSLEY-CHITTENDEN HALL

PROCESSIONAL AISLE

Guest Seating

Guest Seating

Guest Seating

PHELPS ARCHWAY

MCCLELLAN HALL

Guest Seating

CONNECTICUT HALL

VANDERBILT HALL

Platform

Graduates

Guest Seating

PROCESSIONAL AISLE



First Aid

Livestream

Video Screen

Accessibility

Restroom

Water

Hospitality Station

