

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen



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Leader: After these formative years of growing and learning, we come to this sacred moment. A moment to pause as students, families, faculty, staff and administration, to acknowledge God's gracious work in the lives of these graduates.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: This is a moment of celebration.

Graduates: We celebrate the leading of God's Spirit that brought us here and has led us step by step through these years of learning, preparation, relationship, challenge, and achievement.

Families: We celebrate God's provision that has made it possible for us to support our students along this journey. We acknowledge that only through God's grace and provision have these years been possible.

Faculty/Staff: We celebrate God's work in the lives of these students who have been entrusted to our care. We celebrate God's call on our lives to invest in these students and help them become all God has created them to be.

All: **We celebrate and give you thanks.**

Leader: This is a moment of commitment.

Graduates: We commit ourselves to God. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of transformation that has taken place here. We commit the knowledge we have learned and the skills we have gained here to service in God's kingdom.

Families: We commit our students to God. Many of us gave our children to God at an altar long ago. We entrusted them to God's leading in these years of learning. We commit them now again to God.

Faculty/Staff: We commit these students to God. We renew our commitment to the ministry of teaching and leading our diverse students to lead and serve their world wherever God places them.

All: **We commit ourselves to you and give you thanks.**

Leader: This is a moment of commissioning.

Graduates: We recognize that we stand on the threshold of an unknown future. We recognize that we have been entrusted with knowledge, experience, and abilities. We will be faithful. We accept the responsibility to make a difference as we take what we have received and give it back in faithful service.

Families: Once again, we send our loved ones into the world, knowing that God will continue to guide and protect. We will be faithful. We will continue to pray for them and support them as they take their next steps into the world.

Faculty/Staff: We commission these students for God's purposes. We send them with God's blessing and ours. We will be faithful. We will continue to support these students as well as those who come behind them.

Families, Faculty/Staff, Leader:

We send these students into the world and we give you thanks.

Graduates: We will go and we will lead and serve our world as agents of Christ's love and truth.