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# Indiana University Baccalaureate

Sunday, June Thirteenth  
Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four

IN THE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM



Indiana University  
One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Commencement

Baccalaureate

Sunday, June 13, 1954

8:30 P.M. (D.S.T.)

Auditorium

President HERMAN B WELLS, Presiding

Recital - - - - - Indiana University Organ  
GEORGE Y. WILSON, Organist

Invocation - - - - - Rabbi VICTOR EPPSTEIN  
Hillel Foundation, Indiana University

"Hark! Hark! My Soul" - - - - - Harry Rowe Shelley

JULIA HONOLD

MORRIS REYNOLDS

BRANDT CURTIS

NORMA EDWARDS

Litany - - - - - President WELLS and Audience  
(Words are printed on pages 2, 3, 4.)

Hymn - - - - - The Hundredth Psalm  
(Words are printed on page 4.)

Address - - - - - Rabbi ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

"The King's Highway" - - - - - David McK. Williams

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Benediction - - - - - Rabbi VICTOR EPPSTEIN

Litany

*(The Audience will respond with the sections in italics.)*

Almighty and Everlasting God, before whose face the nations rise and fall, and in whose hand are the destinies of every nation, and kindred, and tongue, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks that the lines are fallen for us in pleasant places; for the land where our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their most sacred honor for the ideal of government of the people, for the people, and by the people: for



the land of the Pilgrims' pride: for the good land Thou hast given us, wherein we eat bread without scarceness, and live and move and worship in the blessed liberty in which Thou hast made us free.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

*Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.*

Almighty God, Who hast given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, with thy gracious favor to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn, and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto Thee Who art the fountain of all wisdom.

*Bless, we pray Thee, this well honored University, our Alma Mater, that it may always be a doughty citadel of intellectual and creative vigor to those who in due course may come to love learning and to cherish the good and noble things of this life.*

*As these graduates leave this place, fortify them for their several and individual vocations, that they may do the work of their calling in truth and sincerity. So assist them with thy grace and heavenly benediction, that they may do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for them to walk in, that they may ever accept the responsibility which the acquisition of knowledge has laid upon them, and that they may ever bear that obligation with gladness.*



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in: hungry and thirsty their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever:

*With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.*

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever:

*Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.*

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord:

*Thy faithfulness also in the congregations of the saints.*

Thou rulest the raging of the sea:

*When the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.*

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:

*As for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.*

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:

*Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*

The Lord is our defense:

*And the Holy One of Israel is our King.*

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. Blessed be God Who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. Amen.

## The Hundredth Psalm

1.

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

3.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.  
Amen.