Alumni Memorial Service

Worship in celebration of the lives of Bates women and men who have died during the past year.
Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

Musical Interlude

“Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr’”

(“Alone, God, in Highest Heavens” by Johann Sebastian Bach)

Homily

The Reverend William Blaine-Wallace, Multifaith Chaplain

Anthem

“Set Me as a Seal”

(from “A New Creation,” by René Clausen; adapted from Song of Solomon 8:6–7)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Procession of Flowers

You are invited to bring your flower forward and place it on the Memorial Wall in memory and honor of a beloved friend, family member, classmate or colleague who has died.
A Litany of Remembrance

Leader: Gracious God, from whose heart we come and to which we return, we gather today to remember and give thanks for the women and men of Bates College who have died this year.

People: We pray that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their legacies, we may be more deeply aware of the goodness and fragility of human life.

(The following is a traditional Jewish memorial prayer for the deceased.)

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

All: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Dorothy J. Hutch ’58 and Richard L. Porter ’73 will read the names of the deceased.

Choral Response

“A Prayer for Peace”
(By Stanley M. Hoffman, text freely based on the traditional Hebrew prayer “Oseh Shalom”)

May the one who causes peace to rule in the heavens grant peace to all who are gathered here today, to all peoples, and to all the Earth, and let us say Amen.

Prayers for the Dead

The Mourner’s Kaddish

Peter Klein ’08

Translation

Exalted and hallowed be God’s great name in this world of Divine creation.

May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel; and let us say, Amen. Let the Holy One’s great name be blessed forever and ever, praised and honored, exalted and glorified, adored and exalted. Supreme blessed be the Holy One, beyond all blessings and hymns, praises, and consolations, that may be uttered in this world; and let us say, Amen. For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true; and let us say, Amen.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the heavens let peace descend upon us, upon all Israel, and upon the whole world; and let us say, Amen.

“Peace, My Heart”
(Rabindranath Tagore)
Linda Russell Findlay ’68

Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be sweet.
Let it not be a death but completeness.
Let love melt into memory, and pain into songs.
Let the flight through the sky end in the folding of the wings over the nest.
Let the last touch of your hands be gentle like the flower of the night.
Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment, and say your last words in silence.
I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on your way.
The Reverend William Blaine-Wallace, Multifaith Chaplain

Special thanks to all those who helped with today’s service.

(From Organ Symphony No. 5 by Charles Marie Widor)

Emily Wright-Magoon

(Tune: Duke Street. Text: Leonard Bacon, 1838)

John H. Corrie

With pray’r and psalm they worship’d Thee.

The God they trusted guards their graves.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
And when they trod the wintry strand,
Came with those exiles o’er the waves;

“O God, beneath thy guiding hand”
And where their pilgrim feet have trod
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Our exiled forebears cross’d the sea;

“The College Prophet

(“O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand”)

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“Service Participants

“The Reverend William Blaine-Wallace, Multifaith Chaplain

Robert L. Livingstone ’63

Richard L. Porter ’73

Peter Klein ’08

Linda Russell Findlay ’68

Dorothy J. Hutch ’58

Robert F. Goodspeed ’44 February 14, 2010

Edmund H. Gibson ’44 December 9, 2012

Osmond Richard Cummings ’44 January 15, 2013

Alice Hinton Blakely ’44 January 6, 2010

Despina Doukas Athans ’44 January 13, 2013

Patricia Peterson Rawson ’43 February 10, 2012

Elizabeth A. Palmer ’43 February 10, 2013

Lucile Moussette Beckmeyer ’43 December 18, 2012

Lloyd G. Morrison ’42 March 29, 2013

Lucille Leonard Jewell ’42 December 31, 2012

A. Raymond Harvey ’42 February 8, 2013

Ruth W. Haines ’42 February 19, 2013

Elizabeth H. Jarvi ’49

Harris L. Goldman ’49

Nani L. Gram ’49

Hugh Mitchell ’49

Edgar E. Noll ’49

John A. Palmer Jr. ’49

Emma Paladinos Ravalec ’49

Frederick T. Wagner ’49

Elaine Smith Swanson ’49

Nicholas Vanous ’49

Frank A. Ball ’50

Betty A. Daniels Twee ’50

Esther Franze Tandy ’50

Barbara A. Collins ’51

Robert R. Hayward ’51

Kathleen Burdon Naegeli ’51

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Lavon E. Roger ’52

Priscilla R. Bergier ’52

Elizabeth Townsend Henderson ’52

Therese F. Kechum ’52

John R. Matier ’52

James M. Nabor ’52

Elizabeth Drouillot Bushnell ’53

Paul R. Field ’53

Richard David Holbrook ’53

Virginia Frances Keith ’53

Gordon W. Perkins ’53

David M. Purdy ’53

Emerson B. Rodgers ’53

Francis C. Hine ’54

“Please be seated for the Postlude.

Organ Postlude

Toccata

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Bagpipe music by Rob Simmons.

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*If you are able, please rise.

**Please be seated for the Postlude.

In Memoriam

Names of those who have passed away or those whose passing we have learned about in the last year

March 28, 1956

May 17, 2010

Robert L. Livingstone ’63

Richard L. Porter ’73

Peter Klein ’08

September 28, 2012

October 23, 2012

Mary 17, 2010

April 30, 2013

April 12, 2012

April 12, 2012

February 28, 2013

March 29, 2013

May 17, 2010

June 12, 2013

November 10, 2012

November 12, 2011

July 7, 2012

December 21, 2012

March 26, 2013

February 9, 2013

March 11, 2013

June 12, 2013

October 10, 2012

January 30, 2011

June 13, 2012

April 1, 2012

December 21, 2012

December 22, 2012

December 27, 2012

December 29, 2012

April 15, 2012

September 27, 2012

November 18, 2012

January 14, 2012

September 27, 2012

March 26, 2013

February 23, 2013

July 1, 2012

April 1, 2013

June 27, 2012

September 28, 2012

March 22, 2013

October 8, 2012

October 7, 2012

July 23, 2012

November 27, 2012

July 26, 2012

February 16, 2013