Basin and Towel Sculpture (2019)

Taylor University
Basin and Towel Sculpture Dedication

Gift of the Class of 1969
LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader

Today we assemble to give thanks to Almighty God for the many faithful Christians whose unfailing prayers and generous gifts make possible the educational and spiritual opportunities afforded by Taylor University. We gratefully acknowledge the generous gifts of the Class of 1969 and others who have made this moment possible. We give thanks for the God-given talents of the artist and those whose skills and abilities contributed to the construction of this site.

Class of 1969

As the Class of 1969, we present our gift to you, Lord, as an expression of gratitude and as a testimony to your faithfulness in our lives the past 50 years.

All

We give thanks and celebrate this day with great joy!

Leader

We dedicate this sculpture and plaza to you Lord, asking that all who visit here will be drawn closer to you and inspired to follow Christ’s example of humble service to others.

All

We say “Amen” and give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader

Lord, our hearts join together in asking that your Spirit consecrate this ground and make it holy, so that it may be a place where deeper commitments are made and life-changing moments occur. May the feet that are washed here today and in the future be a constant reminder of what it means to take up our cross and follow you.

All

We say “Amen” and give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness to Taylor University over the past 173 years; we thank you for all those who have gone before us to bring us to this moment. On this special occasion, we ask, Lord, that you continue your good work in the life of our beloved University, both now and for generations to come.

All

We give thanks and celebrate this day with great joy!

Leader

Amen!
Prelude
Sheila S. Todd, University Accompanist

Welcome and Invocation
Charles R. Jaggers ’69

Remarks
Paul Lowell Haines ’75, Former President

Sculpture Description and Presentation of Art
Kenneth G. Ryden, Sculptor
Loving Service

Presentation by the Class of 1969 and Unveiling of the Plaque
James B. Hall ’69
Rebecca C. Wright ’22, Student Ambassador
Chloe W. Schaufelberger ’22, Student Ambassador

Acceptance of the Gift
Paige (Comstock ’77) Cunningham, President

Scripture
(John 13:1-5; 12-17)
Gregory S. Dyson, Special Assistant to the President for Intercultural Initiatives

Litany of Dedication
Audience; led by Sharon (Leach ’69) Seeberger

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated
Frances R. Havergal and Henri A.C. Halan

Prayer of Dedication and Comments
Charles R. Jaggers ’69

Meaning of the Taylor Towel
J.R. Briggs ’01

Foot-Washing Ceremony
Paige (Comstock ’77) Cunningham, President
Natalia M. Valentine ’20, Student Body Vice President
Chris L. Goeglein ’84, Chair, Board of Trustees
Anders K. Soderquist ’20, Student Body President
Robert D. Wolgemuth ’69, Chair, 1969 Reunion Committee
Cole B. Guillaume ’21

A Towel and a Bowl
Steve Amerson, Lowell Alexander and Tony Wood
H. Conor Angell ’06;
accompanied by Shelia S. Todd

Closing Remarks and Doxology
Tom P. Essenburg ’69
Audience; led by Julie (Ringenberg ’73) Essenburg;
accompanied by Sheila S. Todd
TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages for Thee,
Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold;
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
Music: HENDON; Henri A. C. Malan, 1827
Public Domain