SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
AND COMMEMORATION

For those who have donated their bodies
for medical teaching and research

April 2021
The service is led by Revd Dr Donald MacEwan, University Chaplain. The preacher is Dr Clare Masters, former palliative care doctor and Reader, Church of England.

Prayers are led by Revd Samantha Ferguson, Assistant Chaplain.

**Readers:** The first reading is read by Professor Gerald Humphris, School of Medicine. The second is read by Cait Murphy, Bute Medical Society President.

**Music** is led by Claire Innes-Hopkins, Director of Chapel Music, Campbell Watterson Organ Scholars, and members of St Salvator’s Chapel Choir.
Order of Service

Music  Brahms, *O welt, ich muss dich lassen*

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn  *Give thanks for life, the measure of our days*  736

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
   *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Give thanks for those whose lives shone with a light caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
   *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3. Give thanks for all, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time or death or dread:
   *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

4. Give thanks for hope that, like the seed of grain lying in darkness, does its life retain to rise in glory, growing green again:
   *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)
Students speaking of their experiences of learning from donated bodies

First Reading  1 Corinthians 13:4-13

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Prayers
Second Reading  

*Walking with Grief*

Do not hurry  
as you walk with grief;  
it does not help the journey.

Walk slowly, pausing often:  
do not hurry  
as you walk with grief.

Be not disturbed  
by memories that come unbidden.  
Swiftly forgive;  
and let God speak for you  
unspoken words.  
Unfinished conversation  
will be resolved in Him.  
Be not disturbed.

Be gentle with the one  
who walks with grief.  
If it is you,  
be gentle with yourself.  
Swiftly forgive;  
walk slowly,  
pausing often.

Take time, be gentle  
as you walk with grief.

Anthem  

*Howells, King David*

King David was a sorrowful man:  
No cause for his sorrow had he;  
And he called for the music of a hundred harps,
To ease his melancholy.

They played till they all fell silent:
        Played and play sweet did they;
But the sorrow that haunted the heart of King David
        They could not charm away.

He rose; and in his garden
        Walked by the moon alone,
A nightingale hidden in a cypress tree,
        Jargoned on and on.

King David lifted his sad eyes
        Into the dark-boughed tree --
"Tell me, thou little bird that singest,
        Who taught my grief to thee?"

But the bird in no-wise heeded;
        And the king in the cool of the moon
Hearkened to the nightingale's sorrowfulness,
        Till all his own was gone.

Walter De la Mare (1873-1956)

Sermon          Fully known
Prayers of intercession and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever,
Amen.

Hymn  Love divine, all loves excelling  519

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
   joy of heaven, to earth come down,
   fix in us thy humble dwelling,
   all thy faithful mercies crown.
   Jesus, thou art all compassion,
   pure, unbounded love thou art;
   visit us with thy salvation,
   enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver;
   let us all thy life receive;
   suddenly return, and never,
   never more thy temples leave.
   Thee we would be always blessing,
   serve thee as thy hosts above,
   pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Benediction

Music J S Bach, *Fugue in C BWV 545*
In gratitude to those who have bequeathed their bodies in the last year and those previously.

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