



Girton College

Midday Liturgy for Transgender Day of Remembrance Friday 20 November 2020

Chaplain: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us.

Chaplain: Lord have mercy upon us

All: Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

God of all creation, whose wisdom and love is boundless, you have many names and you are beyond all divisions of gender.

As we come together to remember those transgender people who have been killed, taken their own lives or been injured, help us to honour their identities, and the identities of all people.

Help us to create a world where everyone can live with authenticity and dignity. Help us all; who belong to every sexuality and gender, to live our own lives in true fulfilment of our different identities, in fellowship with each other and in the Love of Christ.

All: Amen.

Act of Remembrance

led by Emily Tarry (MCR LGBT+ rep) and Ella Pound (JCR LGBT+ subcommittee member)

Prayers

Chaplain: Before you, O God of all ages,
We remember these whose lives were cruelly cut short
By transphobic violence.
We cry for justice, and long for the peaceful flourishing of all people
across all genders and sexualities.
Set us all free to sing your praise.

All: **Amen.**

A prayer for those who mourn their loved ones.

Chaplain: O God, your Son Jesus Christ wept over Lazarus his friend
and heard the anguished cries of Jairus for his daughter;
hear those whose lives have been marked by tragedy
and whose hearts ache with grief.
Console those whose words have been shattered
And whom no words can console.
Comfort them in their darkest hour
With the assurance that nothing can separate us from your love.
Raise the dead to new life
That all may again sing songs of thankfulness and praise
To your honour and glory,

All: **Amen.**

A Prayer for forgiveness

Chaplain: Loving God, Creator of the Universe, you know are inner hearts. Too often we have failed to follow your ways, to love our neighbour and to truly love you. We also recognise the ways in which transgender people have been sidelined, feared or abused by the Church. Forgive us for our past failures. Grant all people fresh hearts and new minds so that we can celebrate the full richness and diversity of human experience in the Love of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

A blessing from the Corrymeela Peace and Reconciliation Centre:

**May the blessings of God's Love
And the joy of God's Peace
Be found in us all
Now and Always
Amen**

Prayers from The Corrymeela Peace and Reconciliation Centre (www.corrymeela.org); David Adam, *Celtic Daily Prayer* (SPCK, 2007); Ian Black, *Prayers for all Occasions* (SPCK, 2011).

