



## GIRTON COLLEGE

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### Liturgy for Transgender Day of Remembrance

Friday 19 November 2021

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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.**

*Chaplain's Introduction*

*Prayer and reading led by the MCR President*

*MCR President:* 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.**

Reading: Romans 8:31 – 39

*Act of Remembrance, led by the JCR and MCR,  
including a period of silence and lighting of a candle in memory of those who  
have been killed.*

## *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 our 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.**

*Together we say a blessing from the Corrymeela Peace and Reconciliation Centre:*

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

Departure

*The JCR, MCR, and Chaplain would like to thank all of you for attending today.*

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*Please see the term card on the College website for details of other Chapel services this term, which include weekly evensongs, sung services of evening prayer and a fortnightly communion service.*

*The Chaplain would especially welcome a conversation with anyone who might be prepared to assist the Chapel community by being a **chapel warden** or **assisting with streaming equipment**. Please come and have a chat, or email [chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:chaplain@girton.cam.ac.uk)*

The Chaplain is available for all members of the College community for confidential conversation on any matter.

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

