A.D. Bruce Religion Center Division of Student Affairs

# UH DAY OF Remembrance

# CEREMONY PROGRAM

March 4, 2025



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## The University Chapel A.D. Bruce Religion Center *March 4, 2025*

## **Presentation of Colors**

Prelude

Harp Musical Selection

University of Houston Army ROTC Color Guard

Hope Cowan

## **Processional Entrance**

**Organ Musical Selection** 

Welcome

Ustadh Mahad Qamar

Rev. Dr. Jerry Maynard

Invocation

Reflection

Matthew Hoogendoorn

Donell Young, J.D.

Candle-Lighting and Remembrance

**Responsive Reading** 

Brooks Harwood

Shannon Lambert

At the rising of the sun and at its setting At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn At the beginning of the year and when it ends

## AS LONG AS WE LIVE, THEY TOO WILL LIVE; FOR THEY WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF US, AS WE REMEMBER THEM.

When we are weary and in need of strength When we are lost and sick at heart When we have joy we crave to share When we have decisions that are difficult to make When we have achievements that are based on theirs

## AS LONG AS WE LIVE, THEY TOO WILL LIVE; FOR THEY WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF US, AS WE REMEMBER THEM.

## Interlude

Harp Musical Selection

There are many faith traditions represented in the Cougar community. During this time of remembering your fellow student, colleague, friend, or family member, you may find comfort and encouragement in reflecting on one of the sacred texts printed on the following pages.

## **Tolling of the Bell**

The 27 tolls represent the year of the founding of the University of Houston – 1927.

#### **Closing Words**

#### Postlude

**Organ Musical Selection** 

André J. Adams

Ustadh Mahad Qamar

Rev. Dr. Jerry Maynard

Hope Cowan

## Prayers for the People...

### The Book of Mormon

For as death hath passed upon all men, to fulfill the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must needs be a power of resurrection, and the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the ... infinite atonement ... O how great the goodness of our God.

2 Nephi 9:6, 7, 10

#### Buddhism

May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness. May all beings be free from suffering and the causes of suffering, May all beings never be separated from the supreme joy beyond sorrow, May all beings abide in equanimity, free from attachment and aversion Seeing the equality of all that lives.

Four Immeasurables

#### **Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *Psalm 23 ESV* 

## **Christian Science**

GOD IS LOVE ... Dear Friends, let us remember those who have gone before us with Love. I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Romans 8:38 NIV Translation

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love the brothers and sisters also.

I John: 11, 21 NRSV Translation

"Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." Mary Baker Eddy

## **Church of Christ**

We pray to You, our Father of compassion and God of all comfort, that Your presence will comfort our hearts today in the loss we have experienced through the death of those we love.

Renew our hope through Your resurrection promise and transform us by Your Spirit to become a reflection of Your goodness – through the power of Christ in us. Amen.

## Hinduism

"As the embodies soul continually passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. The self-realized soul is not bewildered by such a change". (2:13). "Know that which pervades the entire body is indestructible. No one is able to destroy the imperishable soul" (2:17).

The Bhagavad-Gita

## Episcopal

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our beloved siblings who have gone before us. We thank you for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### Book of Common Prayer, p.493

#### Islam

"You who believe, seek help through steadfastness and prayer, for God is with the stead- fast. Do not say that those who are killed in God's cause are dead; they are alive, though you do not realize it. We shall certainly test you with fear and hunger, and loss of property, lives, and crops. But [Prophet], give good news to those who are steadfast, those who say, when afflicted with a calamity, 'We belong to God and to Him shall we return.' These will be given blessings and mercy from their Lord, and it is they who are rightly guided."

#### Qur'an 2:153-157

#### Judaism

God of abundant mercy, God Most High, may the soul of our loved one, who has gone into eternity, find the gift of perfect peace in Your embrace together with the holy and pure, whose light shines like the radiance of heaven.

Compassionate God, hold {him/her/them} close to You forever, so that {his/her/their} soul may be bound up in the bond of life eternal. May {he/she/they} find a home with You; and may {he/she/they} rest in peace. And we say: Amen.

El Malei Rachamim - The Memorial Prayer

## Lutheran

Creator God, We come with open hearts in need of peace. We come with ambivalent hearts in need of peace. We come with closed hearts in need of peace. Generous God we come to you as we are, in need of only the peace you can give in the face of death.

Through Jesus we know that death does not have the last word. We are told that like a mother hen who cares for her brood, holding them close, you hold us just as tenderly and just as close in our need. We need you now, as we trust in the promise of resurrection for all your beloved. In your generosity please grant us your peace. Amen.

## Presbyterian

God of compassion and love, you have breathed into us the breath of life and have given us mind and will.

In our frailty we surrender all life to you from whom it came, trusting in your gracious promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Reformed University Fellowship**

## Roman Catholic

Merciful God, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of he humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Secular

On the death of a friend, we should consider that the fates through confidence have devolved on us the task of a double living, that we have henceforth to fulfill the promise of our friend's life also, in our own, to the world.

Henry David Thoreau

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## **United Campus Ministry**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek; to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

## **United Methodist**

Dear God,

We come to you on behalf of your people – those who have passed and those that are left that care and love them. God, we lift up our hearts of sadness to you and ask that you will comfort us.

Lord, we commend each love one into your loving arms and ask that they will forever be in your presence. Lord, we stand on your word that you will never leave us or forsake us and we need you in this very hour.

Lord, Thank you for the grace and mercy you show us each and every day. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

The Annual Day of Remembrance service at the University of Houston occurs every year during the first week of March in honor of the University's founding on March 7, 1927 and its official desegregation in March of 1963. With these dates as significant milestones in the formation of our UH Community, we gather together annually to remember all who have died from our community over the last year. We remember our connections to one another as classmates, colleagues, alum, friends of the university, and above all, humans, as we read their names, light candles, and experience the tolling of the bell.

## **Campus Ministries Association at UH**

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Ustadh Mahad Qamar	Chaplain, UH Muslim Students Association
Matthew Hoogendoorn	Pastor, UH Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
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Hope Cowan	Harpist
Rev. Dr. Jerry Maynard, The People's Priest	Organist
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It was beautiful as long as it lasted the journey of my life. I have no regrets whatsoever save the pain I'll leave behind. Those dear hearts who love and care and the heavy with sleep ever moist eyes. The smile, in spite of a lump in the throat and the strings pulling at the heart and soul. The strong arms that held me up when my own strength let me down. Each morsel that I was fed with was full of love divine. At every turning of my life I came across good friends. Friends who stood by me even when the time raced by. Farewell, Farewell my friends. I smile and bid you goodbye. No, shed no tears, for I need them not All I need is your smile. If you feel sad think of me for that's what I'd like. When you live in the hearts of those you love, remember then... you never die.

#### Rabindranath Tagore, Farewell My Friends

You think I've gone, that I am dead, and life has lost its will, But look around, I am right there, living with you still I watch your tears, I feel your pain – I see the things you do I weep as well, each time you cry, my soul, it lives with you

It gives such joy to hear you laugh, and do the things you do And when you smile o'er by gone days, I smile right with you too For we're still one, just you and me, one mind, one soul, one being Walking forward into life, though only you are seen

And in the stillness of the night, when the pain it really starts Stretch out a little with your mind and draw me to your heart For I am always right in there, always by your side For you have been, all my life's days, my joy, my love my pride.

Unknown, I Have Not Gone



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