

Medical Education and Research

A Service of Thanksgiving in Memory of a Person Who Has Given Their Body for Medical Education and Research

Introduction

Opening Sentence

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
No torment will ever touch them (*Wisdom 3:1*)

Hymn of Praise

Prayer

Most merciful God, whose wisdom
is greater than anything we can ever understand,
we come before you as we are,
offering you our pain, our doubts,
our feelings of guilt, and our anger.
Trusting in your mercy and your grace,
we ask that you will forgive what needs to be forgiven
and heal what needs to be healed
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through the power of your Spirit,
may the words of Scripture
bring strength where there is weakness,
light where there is darkness,
faith where there is doubt
and life where there is death,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings from the Bible

Address

Hymn of Assurance

Prayer

Eternal God, our strength and our redeemer,
Giver of life and conqueror of death

(a)

We thank you for N,
for *her* sense of adventure, *her* insatiable curiosity,
her sunny lively personality,
her sheer joy in being alive.

We thank you
that *she* who served humanity so lovingly
should continue to do so after *her* death
and benefit generations yet to come.
In life, in death, *she* gave glory to you.

(b)

We remember before you N,
she was sociable and good company;
we know that *she* was no plaster saint;
she wanted to live life *her* way,
often at the expense of other people;
she was sorry all the time for what went wrong.
Her final act was to do a good turn
for other people,
and for that we honour *her*.

We give thanks for all *she* meant to *her* family and to
the community in which *she* lived. We acknowledge
with gratitude the service *she* has given to medicine and
to humanity and we commend *her* to your loving care,
confident that *she* is at peace.

God of compassion, we pray for those who mourn;
especially N, N and all members of their families;
that they may grieve indeed
but not as those without hope.
Surround them with your love and grace
and let them have good friends
to share their burdens and ease their pain;
through our saviour Jesus Christ,
who taught his disciples to say:

Our Father ...

Final Hymn

Nunc Dimittis

(all remain standing and join in saying the words in bold type)

**Save us, Lord, while we are awake,
protect us while we sleep,
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Save us, Lord, while we are awake,
protect us while we sleep,
that we may keep watch with Christ,
and rest with him in peace.**

(as in Rejoice and Sing 742)

May the God of all hope strengthen and sustain you,
and may the God of life be always with you.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May he look upon you with kindness,
and give you his peace.

Amen

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