



# **UH DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**CEREMONY PROGRAM**

March 24, 2026



The University Chapel  
A.D. Bruce Religion Center  
*March 24, 2026*

**Prelude**

*Laurie Meister*

*Harp Musical Selection*

**Processional Entrance**

*Jessica Myers*

*Organ Musical Selection*

**Welcome**

*Morgan Gates*

**Invocation**

*Shannon Lambert*

**Reflection**

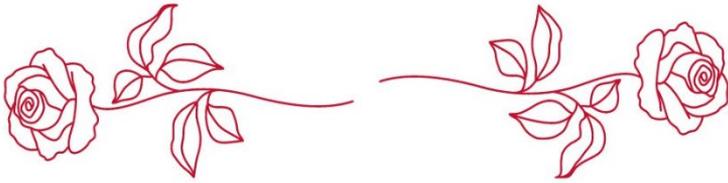
*Dr. Renu Khator*

**Candle-Lighting and  
Remembrance**

*Shane Green*

**Responsive Reading**

*Carly Fleck*



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Bruce Administrative Office,  
Room 113.

(outside the chapel, to the right)

*\* limited quantities available \**





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

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## **Interlude**

*Laurie Meister*

*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**

*André J. Adams*

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

## **Closing Words**

*Rev. Tamika Nelson*

## **Postlude**

*Jessica Myers*

*Organ Musical Selection*

# 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*

## **Church of Christ**

Heavenly Father,  
We come before You today with humble hearts, grateful for Your love and mercy. As we pause to remember, we thank You for the great sacrifice You made through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for the cross, for the body that was given, and for the blood that was shed so that our sins could be forgiven.

Father, help us never to take this sacrifice lightly. As we remember Jesus today, remind us of His obedience, His suffering, and His victory over sin and death. Help us examine our hearts and draw closer to You.

Lord, unite us as Your people. As we remember together, may we be strengthened in faith, encouraged in love, and committed to living lives that honor Christ. Let our remembrance not only be with our words, but also with our lives-serving others, sharing the gospel, and walking in righteousness.

Thank You for the hope we have in Jesus and for the promise of eternal life. May our hearts always remember the price that was paid and the grace that was given.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

## **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*

## **Hinduism**

"As the embodied 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*

## **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*

## **Episcopal**

O God, whose love holds all creation,

We remember before you those whose lives have touched this university community and who now rest beyond our sight. We give thanks for the gifts they shared, the learning they pursued, and the friendships they gave and received.

Comfort all who mourn - friends, families, teachers, and companions in study and work. When grief feels heavy, grant gentle peace. When memories bring tears, also let them bring gratitude.

Teach us to number our days with wisdom, to care for one another with tenderness, and to honor the dignity of every human life. Make this campus a place of compassion and understanding, where differences are met with respect and strangers are welcomed as neighbors.

In our remembering, keep us mindful that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love, and that love is stronger than death.

Amen.

*Houston Canterbury*

## **Islam**

“You who believe, seek help through steadfastness and prayer, for God is with the steadfast. 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*

## **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 life, God of comfort:  
alone, afraid, in fear, in loss,  
we cry out:

"Why, O Lord, why?"

"How long, O Lord, how long?"

We cling to you in hope even as we grasp for hope.

So grasp us in your loving embrace through Jesus Christ,  
who endured the cross for our sake. Amen.

*Reformed University Fellowship*

## **Roman Catholic**

Merciful God, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the 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.

## **Baptist**

God of all Comfort, we come with heavy hearts and grieving souls. Your word says death doesn't have the last word, but right now it feels like it. We ask that you meet us in our sorrow and walk with us in our grief. Give us strength for each day and wrap us in your love as we learn to live life without the one we love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## **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*

## **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*

## **Ratio Christi**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

For the unbearable toil of our sinful world, we plead for remission. For the terror of absence from our beloved, we plead for your comfort. For the scandalous presence of death in your creation, we plead for resurrection.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Grant us peace. Come Holy Spirit, and heal all that is broken in our lives, in our streets, and in our world. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Annual Day of Remembrance service at the University of Houston occurs every year during the month 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.*

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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.

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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