



UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science

‘Giving After Living’



A Multi-Faith Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for those who have donated their bodies to the cause of medical education and research at University College Dublin.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom
University College Dublin
Belfield, Dublin 4

Wednesday 21 November 2012.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

Mr. Gary F. Perry
UCD Body Donor Programme

GREETING

Professor William Powderly
Head of School, UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science

OPENING PRAYER

Ms. Gillian Kingston
UCD Chaplaincy Services

We have gathered to thank God for the wonders of his creation, in particular for the miracle of the human body and for medical science.

We, especially the students, give thanks to those who have donated their bodies to our Medical School in the cause of medical education and research. In giving thanks to God, we also show our sympathy and oneness with those who experience, at this time, the sorrow of bereavement. It is our prayer that this act of thanksgiving may bring peace and healing to those in sorrow.

We pray for God's blessing on this University, on the students and our teachers, support staff and on all engaged in medical education and research, so that health and healing is advanced among the peoples of this and every nation.

PROCESSION OF MEMORIES AND LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLE

Ushers: *Jim Kent, Emily Pender, Sorchu Mullen, Xiao Qj Yee*

AN CHÚILFHIONN / THE COULIN

(Traditional Irish Air)

Deirdre Ryan
Medicine Stage 2

A UNITARIAN MEDITATION

Una Bergin
Medicine Stage 2

Let us rejoice for the families who have gathered tonight to express their thanks and to celebrate the bounty of their lives.

Let us join together in support of those whose families are far away, with distances in many forms.

Let us hold one another in gentle reverence at this service of thanksgiving and remembrance for we are here to celebrate, to worship, and to be thankful for what we have.

We have had life newborn among us this year that will carry our legacy into the future.

We have had death among us this year that has given us tears of sorrow and yesterdays to remember.

We have had illnesses, accidents, and surgeries among us this year that have reminded us of the fragileness of our lives.

We have had marriages, reunions, reconciliations. And, we have had, and still do have, our Beloved Community, our religious home where we come together in love and compassion.

For all these things, we give thanks tonight. Let us be silent together. So Be It.

A JEWISH READING AND PRAYER

Gregori Meakin
3rd. Year Arts

O lord, you have been a dwelling place unto us in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn man back to dust and say, "Return ye children of men". For a thousand years in your sight are but a yesterday, as you watch in the night.

You sustain the living with loving kindness, receive the dead with great mercy, support the falling, heal the sick, loose the bound, and keep your faith to them that sleep in the dust.

Lord, what is man in the way you see him? Man is like a breath; his days are as a shadow that passeth away. In the morning he flourishes and sprouts afresh. In the evening he is cut down and withers. So teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom.

Mark the innocent man, and behold the upright, for the latter end of that man is peace. In the way of the righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death. The Lord sets free the souls of his servants, and none that take refuge in Him shall be condemned.

He makes death to vanish in life eternal, and the Lord God wipes away tears from off all faces.

(The Siddur)

O Lord God healer of all diseases, You Know how the sick have need of a doctor. Bless all those You have called to share in Your work of healing, that they may learn their skills with diligence, and be prepared to exercise them under Your guidance. Grant enlightenment to all engaged in medical, physiotherapy and radiography studies, that they may be skilled to discover the way of health and healing.

Be with all the students of this University and especially those living far from home. Amen.

YOU'RE EXTRAORDINARY (Terlalu Istimewa by Adibah Noor)
Sarah Chew Sue Mei and Izzat Azmeer Ahmad

A CHRISTIAN READING
Joe Slowey
Graduate Entry Medicine 1

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and your neighbour as yourself’. And he said to him, ‘You have answered right; do this and you will live.’

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down the road; and when he saw him, he passed on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he sat him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took off two denarii and gave them to the inn-keeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ‘Which of these three do you think proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed mercy on him.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

(Luke, Chapter 10, vs. 25-37)

A CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Colleen Harnett

Graduate Entry Medicine 2

God our Father, almighty and merciful, we thank you for the wonderful way the human body is made; we give thanks, with deep gratitude, for all who have given their bodies to this medical school in the cause of medical education and research. May your blessing of peace be on all their families and friends and may we share the joys of your eternal glory. Amen.

HERO (Mariah Carey)

Vocalists: *Ho Peiying Audrey, Natalie Koh Yi Ting, Tham Hui Yu, Yang Lin Ting, Peter Ngu, Li King, Huey Fern Lee, Navien Bhaskaran and Tan Jshin.*

Guitar: *Huey Fern Lee*

A MUSLIM READING

Nurul Nabihah Mohd Jalaluddin

Medicine Stage 2

“O Mankind, if you have a doubt about the Resurrection, consider that we have created you out of the dust, then out of sperm, then out of a leech-like clot, then out of a morsel of flesh partly formed and partly unformed, in order that we may manifest our power to you. And we cause whom we will to rest in the wombs for an appointed time, then do we bring you out as babes, then foster you that you may reach your age of full strength. And some of you are called to die, and some are sent back to the feeblest old age, so that they know nothing after having known much. And further you see the earth barren and lifeless, but when we pour down rain upon it, it is stirred to life, it swells, and it puts forth every kind of beautiful growth. This is so because God is the Reality; it is He who gives life to the dead, and it is He who has the power over all things. And verily the hour will come, there can be no doubt about it, that God will raise up all who are in the graves.”

(Koran SXX11 5-7)

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

A MUSLIM PRAYER

Praise be to Allah Who created the heavens and the earth, and made the darkness and the light. The knower of everything, hidden and open, the exalted and merciful. Who made all things good which He created. We praise and thank Him for the gift of our bodies and the wonders of creation.

A BUDDHIST READING
John Langan
Graduate Entry Medicine 1

The body, my friends, is not the Self; sensation is not the Self: perception is not the Self: the constructions (predispositions) are not the Self, and neither is consciousness the Self...

Perceiving this, my friends, the disciple sets no value on the body or upon the sensation, or upon the constructions, or upon the consciousness. Setting no value upon them, He becomes divested of passion. Through freedom from passion He is emancipated, and in Him, emancipated, there arises the knowledge of His emancipation; and then He knows that rebirth is destroyed, that He has lived the holy life that He has done what was to be done, and that there is no more becoming this or that for Him.

GRATEFUL HEARTS
Stage 2 and Stage 3 Medical Student Ensemble

A BUDDHIST PRAYER
Thum Ying Ying
Medicine (Penang) Stage 3

All body and mind, my friends, are impermanent- Annica.
All body and mind are without self - Anatta.
When one sees this with right understanding,
One frees from suffering and clinging,
One attains happiness, peace of mind and deliverance.

With this meritorious deed of giving and sharing of these bodies, may the family members be liberated from the universal suffering of aging, sickness and death. May this merit of theirs be a good cause for the attainment of Enlightenment. Let us share these merits too, with our parents, our teachers, our relatives, our friends, our enemies, our departed relatives, all unfortunate spirits, all heavenly beings and all beings, may they rejoice in these merits. May they be Well, Happy and peaceful always. Before ending, please allow me to recite a verse:

Ettavata ca amhehi,
Sambhatam punnasampadam
Sabbe sattanumodantu,
Sabbasampattisiddhiya.

May all beings share this merits which we have thus acquired, for the acquisition of all kinds of happiness and of all fortunes.

May there be all blessings, may all deities give protection, by the power of all Buddhas, all Dhammas and all Sangha, may all beings be well and happy!

Sadhu! Sadhu! Sadhu!

THE PRAYER (Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster)

Vocalists: *Jo Ann Teng, Grace Wong, Janelle O'Sullivan, Maeve Hennessy, Emilia Toh, Larry Nyanti, Izzat Azmeer, Daniel Tham, David Keegan and Victor Ling*
Piano: *Sarah Chew*

AN OPEN LETTER TO AN ANATOMICAL DONOR

Sinead Finnegan
Senior Anatomy Tutor

Dear Donor,

I was very nervous when first we met. I knew nothing of you, not even your name, but somehow formed vivid images of your life in my mind. I picture you in your favourite chair after a long day's work, in a house with dim lighting and a small kitchen. I can see your fingers rest on the arms of the chair, curling over the edges. Sometimes I wonder if you were married or if you had children. I wonder if your friends miss the way you spoke or the way you made them laugh. Did your feet take you to new and interesting places; did your hands make you brilliant in your own special way? I wonder why you so generously gave your body to us. Was it your way to thank the doctors who helped you or your hope for future doctors to be better? We will never know.

Your generosity, courage and trust are what we want to thank you for today. What we have gained here will stay with us for the lifetime of our clinical, diagnostic and operative work. Medical thinking and doing, from molecule to man rests on anatomy. Anatomy is just not Gray(*), but a colourful, joyful understanding, a song to be sung, and a melody to be marvelled at. I will see you in every patient I touch and I will forever use the lessons you taught.

Thank you for showing us that everyone is different, in life and in death, and that some continue to give for lifetimes to come.

(*) "Gray's Anatomy" A standard anatomy textbook used by many medical schools.

A HINDU READING

Navien Bhaskaran
Medicine (Penang) Stage 2

"If any man thinks he slays, and another thinks he is slain, neither knows the way of truth. The eternal in man cannot kill, the eternal in man cannot die. The spirit does not die when the body dies. Weapons cannot hurt the spirit, fire cannot burn him. Untouched is he by drenching waters, untouched by

parching winds. Beyond the power of waters and winds, the spirit is everlasting. Know that he is, and cease from sorrow.

For, all things born, in truth must die, and out of death, in truth comes life. Face to face with what must be, cease thou from sorrow. Even in the last hour of his life on earth, man can find peace in the peace of his God. Many are the paths of men but they all in the end come to me. The pleasures that come from the world bear in them sorrows to come. They come and they go. They are transient; not in them do the wise find joy. He, who on this earth, before his departure, can endure the storms of desire and wrath, this man has joy, he is one with God and goes unto God. This is my word of promise; that he who loves me shall not perish. Having come to this world of sorrow which is transient, love thou me. All those who come to me for shelter, however weak or humble or sinful they may be, they all reach the Path Supreme. Give me thy mind, give me thy heart, make me thy goal supreme, and thou shalt in truth come to me.”

(Bhagavad Gita, 2, 19ff, 4, 11, 5, 22ff., 9, 31ff)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Student Ensemble

A HINDU PRAYER

Jonathan Clarke

Graduate Entry Medicine 1

Sweet Lord, since it has been Thy pleasure to make us endless, be gracious to us and our dear departed brothers and sisters, that we all in the end may reach Thee.

A SIKH READING

Manraj Singh Narulla

Medicine Stage 3

My friend, I request you that this is the opportune time to serve the saints. Earn divine profits in this world and live in peace and comfort in the next one. Life is shortening day and night. O mind, meet the guru and set right your affairs. This world is engrossed in sins and evils; (but) God's Divines will swim across it.

He, who is awakened by God, drinks the Nectar of Name and comes to realise the Ineffable God. Purchase the commodity, for which you have come (in this world), and then God will come to reside in your heart with the Guru's Grace.

You will easily obtain your Real Home and will not suffer transmigration. O searcher of hearts and Fulfiller of desires I kindly fulfil my heart's desire.

(Satguru) Nanak (says): I, your servant, pray that I may become the dust of the Saint's feet. (join the society of saints)

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

A SIKH PRAYER

Hukmi hovan aakaar hukam na kahiaa jaai.
Hukmi hovan jia hukam milai vadiaai.
Hukmi utam nich hukam likh dukh sukh paaiaih.
Iknaa hukmi bakhsis ik hukmi sadaa bhavaaiaih.
Hukmai andar sabh ko baahar hukam na koe.
Naanak hukmai je bujhai ta haumai kahai na koe.

By his command, bodies are created
His command, cannot be described
By his command, souls come into being
By his command, glory and greatness are obtained
By his command, some are high and some are low
By his written command, pain and pleasure are obtained
Some, by his command are blessed and forgiven
Others, by his command, wander aimlessly forever
Everyone is subject to his command
No one is beyond his command
O Father, one who understands his command does not speak his ego

O Loving Master, may the generous men and women who donated their bodies to this medical school enjoy endless glories at Thy Court. We pray that thou bless and comfort their families and friends.

Waheguru
Satnam

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Vincent Varley
Medicine Stage 2

A THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

David McGahan
Senior Anatomy Tutor

Every day we experience hunger and yearning:
for food, for approval, for respect, for love,
for meaningful work, for any and enough work,
for home, for family, for friends,
for health, for healing, for hope,
for the departed, for the newly arrived,

for the green trees, for the cool clean waters,
for shade in the heat of the day, and for stars to light the velvet night.

Every day we are invited anew to be thankful:
for food, for approval, for respect, for love,
for meaningful work, for any and enough work,
for home, for family, for friends,
for health, for healing, for hope,
for the departed, for the newly arrived,
for the green trees, for the cool clean waters,
for shade in the heat of the day, and for stars to light the velvet night.

THE GREATEST TEACHERS
Tiarnan Fallon Verbruggen
Medicine Stage 2

The greatest teachers we could ever ask for
Were once among you and me.
Walking the streets, going to work,
Making a living, living a life,
Probably very rarely thinking
About all that we would learn from them.

The greatest teachers we could ever ask for
Were once a friend to many.
Sharing a laugh, sharing a memory,
Sharing personal details,
Things that only the best of friends know.
Sharing a love, sharing a life, and sharing a soul
With the one they care most about.

The greatest teachers we could ever ask for
Never even knew any of us,
Yet had the courage, and the willingness
To be there for us, no matter how early or late.
They shared with us all we could ever ask for,
And we were eager to dive in,
And find out all there is to know.

The greatest teachers we could ever ask for
Were people we don't even know,
But ones we know everything about.
They will forever be with us,
Still teaching and reminding us every step of the way.
They were more than notes, or lectures, or presentations.
They were the greatest people that we will have ever met.

May God bless each of their souls, and all of their families.
I thank every one of them. For the greatest gift one could ever give.

PIANO SONATA IN C

(Mozart)

Deirdre Ryan

Medicine Stage 2

ADDRESS

Professor James FX Jones

Head of Anatomy

CONCLUDING WORDS

Rev. John McNerney, S.J.

UCD Chaplaincy Services

FINAL PRAYER AND COMMENDATION

(Said by all)

Lord God, Almighty, all-merciful, all-loving; we thank you for brining us together to praise and worship your glory: we ask your blessing on us, as we rejoice in the faithful witness of your people in every age, we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

May the Lord bless us and keep us. Amen

May the Lord cause His countenance to shine upon us and give us His mercy.
Amen

May the Lord look upon us with kindness, and give us his peace. Amen

THANK YOU:

Professor Powderly, Professor Jones, The UCD Chaplaincy Team; The Anatomy Technical Officers; Administrative and Academic Staff (Anatomy), and Students of the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science.

THANK YOU:

To all the families and friends of all our donors, please be assured of our immense gratitude to you for being prepared to forego the usual ceremonies at the time of your loved one's death.

THANK YOU:

To all the donors, their charitable and humanitarian acts have ensured the advancement of medical education and research at University College Dublin.

The UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science deeply appreciate the selflessness of the sacrifices that donors have made in the past and are continuing to make to the Body Donor Programme. This programme allows us to continue teaching and research in medical science. The department remains forever grateful and eternally indebted to these wonderful individuals and their families.

We continue to welcome new inquiries. These inquiries into the Body Donor Programme may be made, in the strictest confidence, by telephoning (01) 7166617 or writing to:

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