Important Note

If you want to use the music links embedded in this Order of Service, download it to your computer and run it in Adobe Acrobat (full screen) on your computer. Just right click anywhere on the screen, choose “save as”, and save it as a pdf file to your computer.

- You can then minimise the music link pages (do not close them) without losing the order of service, or your place in it, on your computer.

Sharing the Peace

Suggestion

- Ask each person to get an A4 sheet of paper
- Ask them to write on it, in not more than three words and in large letters thoughts of peace and welcome they would like to share with others during this time
- When the time comes to share the peace, ask them to hold their sheet up to the camera, so that their words can be seen and shared



Sibyls Service for the 2026 Transgender Day of Remembrance Friday 20th November At 1:10pm

At St Anne's Church Soho: 55 Dean St, London W1D 6AF and on Facebook

During this service we will be remembering those transgender people who have been killed by others or committed suicide for being transgender during the previous year

All Welcome, in person or on facebook.

The link to facebook is,
https://fb.me/e/iY451DUx3
Order of Service at
https://www.tgdr.co.uk/documents/TDoR2026-Service
Type these into your browser or copy them from the text below
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THE SERVICE WILL BE STARTING SOON

SERVICE FOR THE TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 20 NOVEMBER

2026

This liturgy and other information are available online at
http://www.tgdr.co.uk/liturgies/tdor/index.htm

(all to mute all except Leader and the Three Readers)

I WATCH THE SUNRISE *Listen*

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06h0lmj

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.



For you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.

CALLING Leader

Come Lord Jesus Come
You who welcome all, from all the world
Come Lord Jesus Come
To greet us now
We come as we are from every race and love and gender
To build your love for all.

COLLECT Leader

God of All Mercy Compassion and Grace, we come today on this Transgender Day of Remembrance to remember all transgender people who have been persecuted, discriminated against, suffered hate crime, have been murdered or have taken their own lives because of the rejection they face. Help us today to understand the things we may not understand. Help us to avoid unfeeling actions. Help us to bring love and not hate. Help us to rejoice in the diversity that humanity creates. Through our worship and our remembering of all transgender people who have died during this last year from the hands of others… and our appeals for those who face the distresses of exclusion and rejection which are enforced by others… help us to sustain the strength and the vision to break down these barriers of despising, rejecting, and misunderstanding and by your grace strengthen us to build a more tolerant and accepting world.

INTRODUCTION

Leader Introduces

It is a traumatic time for transgender people with a United Kingdom Supreme Court Judgement and the introduction of a UK Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) Code of Practice which previously had sought to maximise the inclusion of transgender people in society; on the grounds that these are shared searches for welcome, coherence of identity, belonging and fulfilment of life, into one which maximises exclusion when motives of sex are applied.

In 1 Samuel 16:7 God told Samuel not to judge by height or looks, stating: *"Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."*

And as we seek to be true to our own hearts and identities may we bring peace and hope to ourselves and to the world.

READING FROM ISAIAH 53:1 Change camera Reader 2

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely, he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

READING FROM ROMANS 8: 31-39 Change Camera Reader 3

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one - for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one - for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honour at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



REFLECTION Leader/Preacher Change Camera (or *go to speaker view)*

TDoR2026-Reflection.pdf

On the 20th of November, each year during the Transgender Day of Remembrance we remember those transgender people who have died at the hands of others, or who have taken their own lives because of the discrimination they face

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE Leader



We remember now by name some of the transgender people who have died by the hands of others or by suicide in the last twelve months

LIST OF NAMES[1]

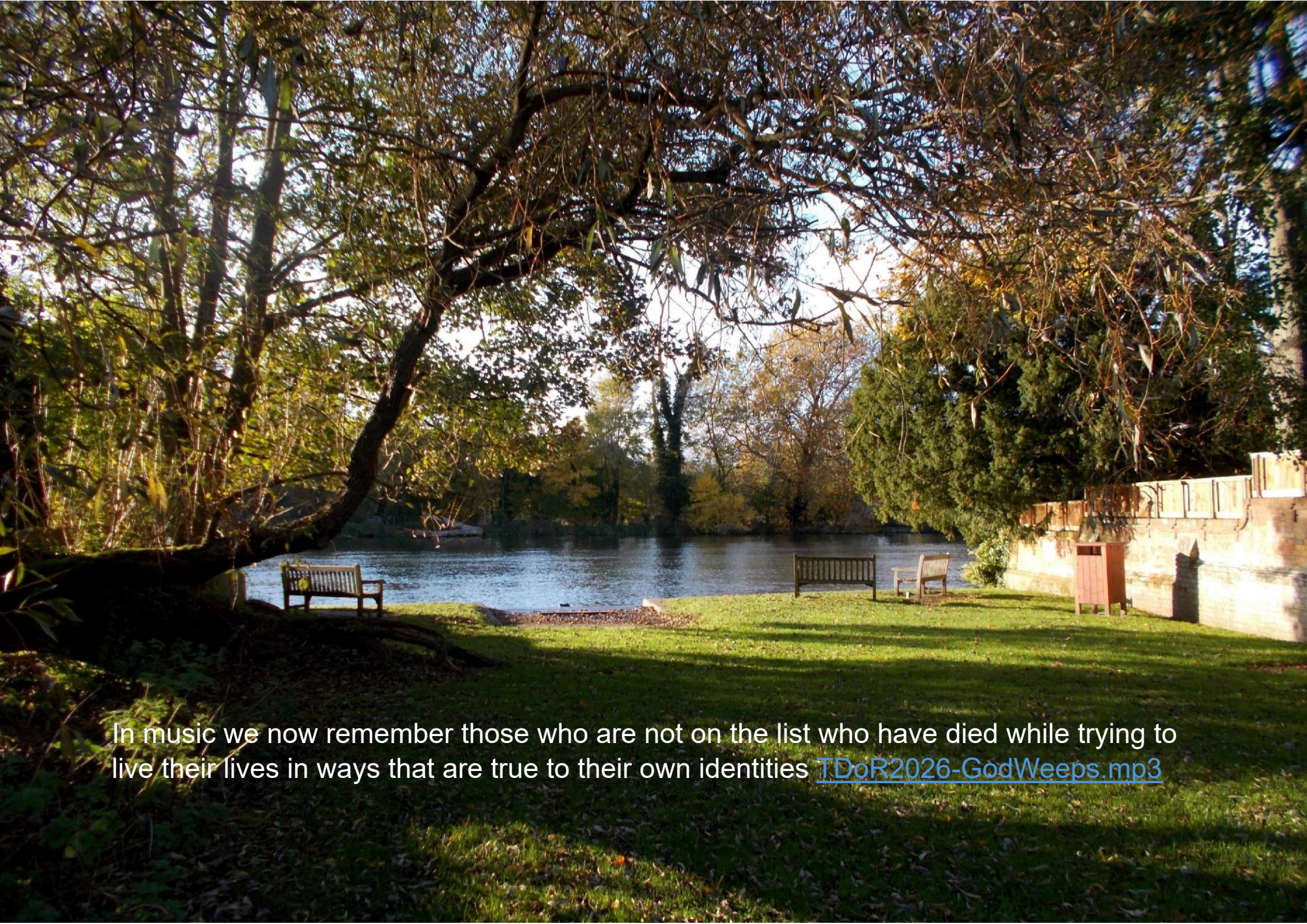
Before the service, download the list of those who have been killed from this source. The list is divided the list into three sections. Each reader reads one of these sections while the appropriate flower pictures which follow are being shown.

You can choose to screen the list of names from the document above instead of reading them, if you do, skip the next three slides

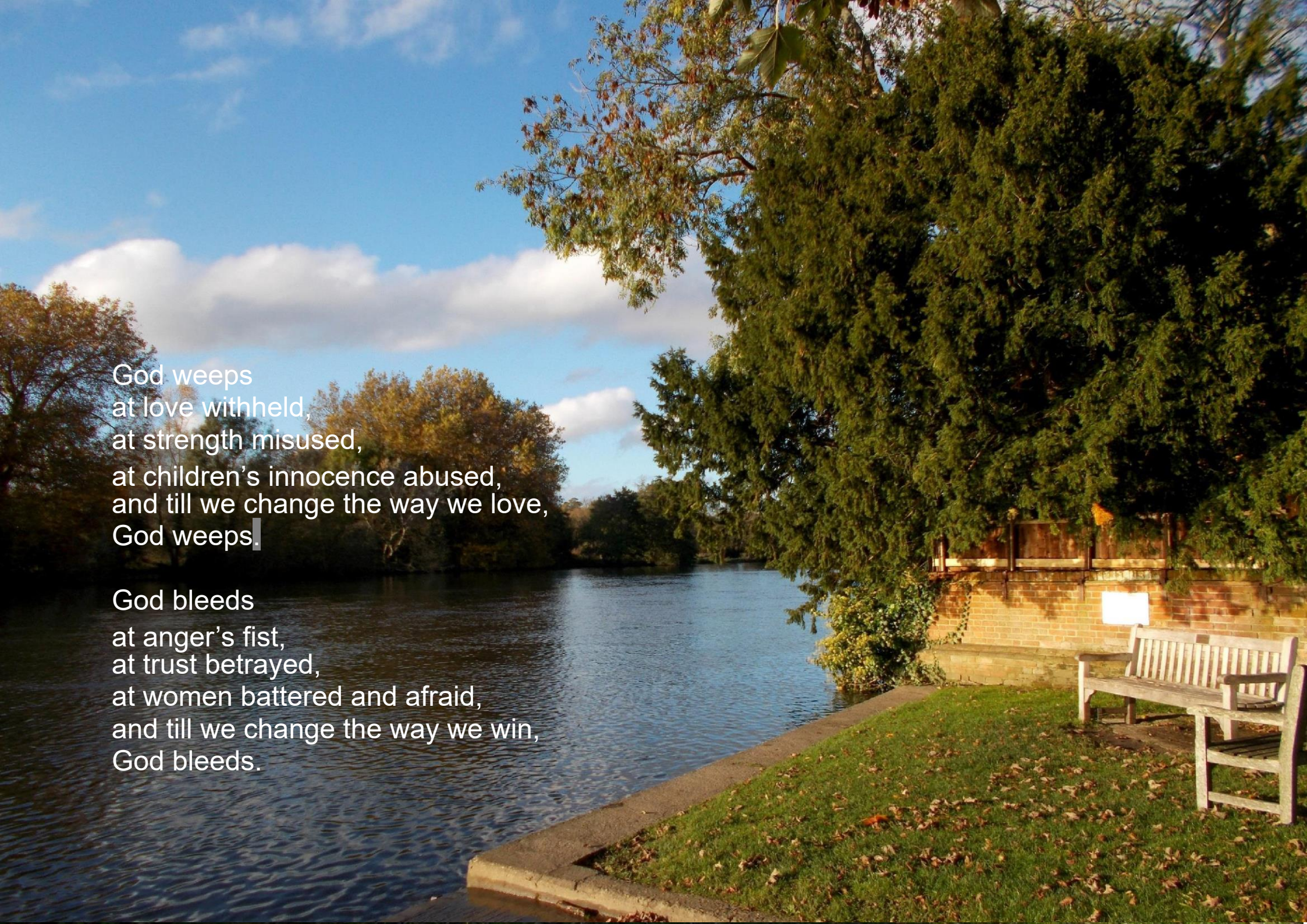
The music and words in the three subsequent autumn scene slides which then follow use the hymn “God Weeps”. Details of authors, permissions, and sources are given on the last page of this order of service, and the words of the hymn are shown on the last two of the subsequent pictures. Match these pictures to the words of the hymn, as they are show

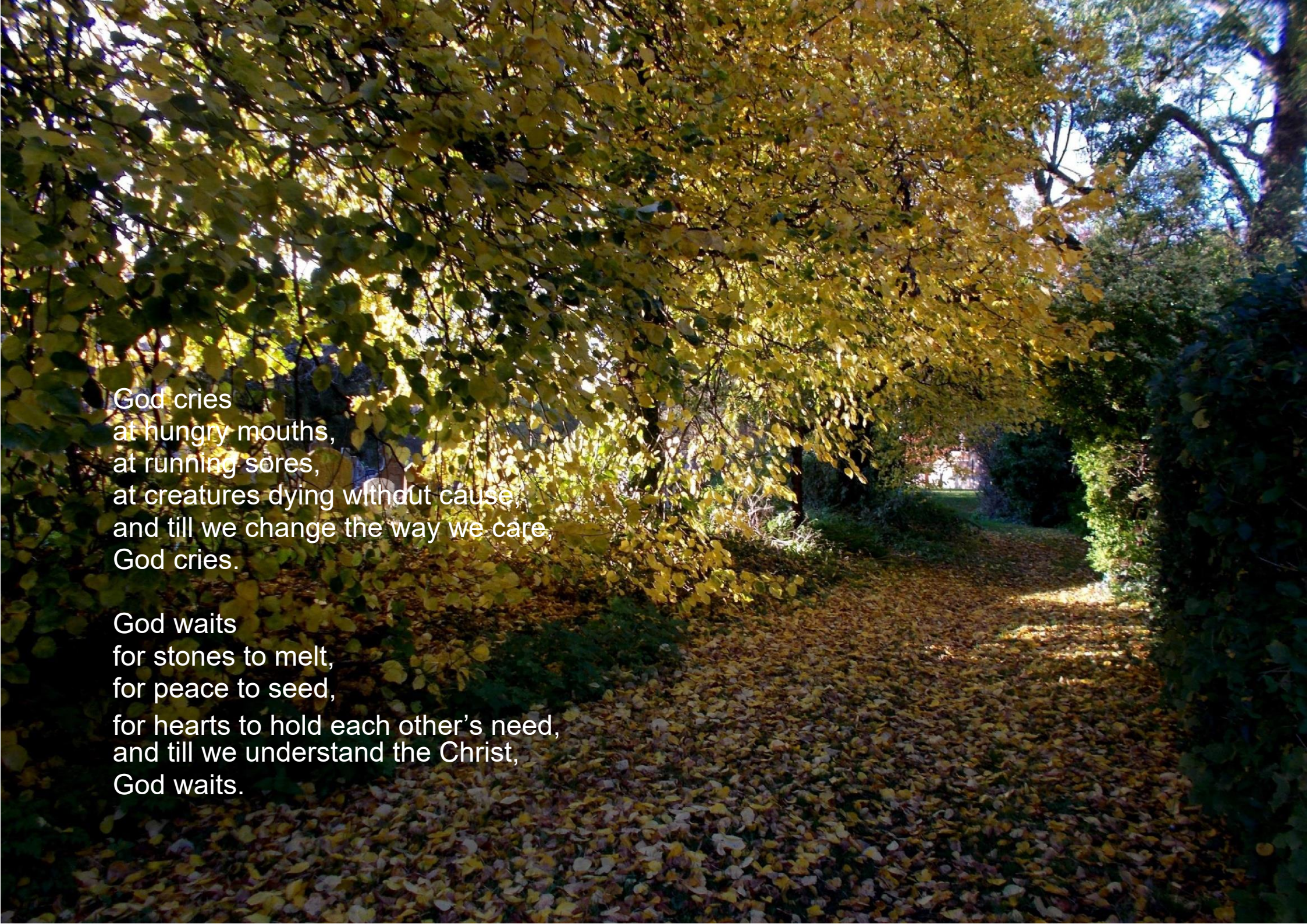
TDoR2026-AllNames.pdf (go to name list view)

[1] An international TDOR List of names for 2020 is or will be also available at: : https://transrespect.org/en/ and https://www.glaad.org/tdor



In music we now remember those who are not on the list who have died while trying to live their lives in ways that are true to their own identities TDoR2026-GodWeeps.mp3


God weeps
at love withheld,
at strength misused,
at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.
God bleeds
at anger's fist,
at trust betrayed,
at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.


God cries
at hungry mouths,
at running sores,
at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care,
God cries.
God waits
for stones to melt,
for peace to seed,
for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.

INTERCESSIONS "Let us Pray" Leader Introduces

The response is ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

TRIAL

Today we live in a society where we see a coherence if identity in our hearts but others do not. And instead of being welcome in societies as people who are searching for coherence of identity, belonging and fulfilment of life, we are seen as some as potential threats to women and children because our motives are presumed to be those of motives of desire, behaviour or sex. Help us to find the sunlight of Your smile and the moonlight that guards us at this difficult time.

Grant us Lord the courage, patience and understanding, so that we respond with courage, firmness and resolution, and not to engage into counterproductive attacks. Help us to open ourselves to others so that they may come to understand what is in our hearts, and we in theirs

Response: ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

INCLUSION Reader 2

in 1 Samuel 16:7 God told Samuel not to judge by height or looks, stating: *"Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."*

As you called everyone on earth and in heaven, regardless of race, class, gender identity, and sexual orientation, help us to create for ourselves and others the ability to listen, so that we, and all people, find the same fulfilment, love, and inclusion on earth today, in all our diversities, without qualification or restriction, in Your Father's House, our home.

Response: *"**Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

UNDERSTANDING Reader 3

When Thomas, said to Jesus, *"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"* Jesus said to him, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life".* Help us Lord to take away the Mist of Darkness so that we now know, even as you know us, how we fail to help others, how our lack of understanding creates prejudice fear and discrimination, and even death, to people whose identities are not the same as our own.

In your love and grace help us Lord help us to break down these walls of blindness in our own minds and in the minds of others, so that we may find understanding, compassion and acceptance of everyone who seeks to follow your will, so that from your home of diversity on earth and in heaven, we may all rejoice together in the Love of Christ.

Response: ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

CHURCH Reader 2

As we pray for ourselves so let us pray for the Churches. Grant us Lord that we may create true, caring and compassionate Churches which welcome all equally who seek to fulfil Your love in the world, irrespective of race, class, tribe, gender and sexual identities, and all other differences that identity provides.

Help us to dispel the fears and prejudices which we use to bar anyone from entry to the Institutions that we, for Your worship and service, provide.

Response: *"**Help us God to do Your will**"* Reader 1

WORLD *use Prayer A or B* Reader 3

PRAYER A

In a world where social divisions by power and gender remain and fear and prejudice continue to exist, we pray that you will give peace love and understanding in place of the divisions that exist. We pray also that all governments, agencies and authorities will be inspired by your spirit to bring truth, justice, mercy and love to the world, and that all groups who are discriminated against, including transgender people, and all people who are in fear, hunger, danger and distress, may find a world transformed in your glory where such discrimination disappears, and all are welcome in the Love of Christ.

Response: ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

PRAYER B skip his prayer if prayer A has been used

As we bring into mind the one in eight transgender employees who have been physically attacked by a colleague or customer each year. The half of transgender people in the United Kingdom who have hidden their identity at work for fear of discrimination. The third of transgender people who have been discriminated against because of gender identity issues when visiting a café, restaurant, bar, or nightclub. The half of transgender people who do not feel comfortable using public toilets because

of fear of discrimination or harassment. The quarter of transgender people who have been homeless. In a world divided by discrimination, inequalities, and strife, where social divisions by power and gender exist, we pray for the creation of a new world of world of freedom from fear, in the Love of Christ.

As we bring into mind the one in four transgender people who are discriminated against when looking for a house or flat to rent or buy. The more than a quarter of transgender people who are in a relationship and have faced domestic abuse from a partner. The rejection by friends, religious groups, and families. The two in five transgender people who would like to undergo medical intervention as part of their transition, but who have not done so yet, because they fear the consequences it might have on their loved ones and families. In a world divided by discrimination, inequalities, and strife, where social divisions by power and gender exist, we pray for the creation of a new world of acceptance and understanding, in the Love of Christ.

As we bring into mind the two in five transgender people who report that healthcare staff lack understanding of transgender health needs. The more than a third of transgender students in higher education who have experienced negative comments or behaviour from staff. The many transgender people whose sense of identity has been directly attacked through deliberate misgendering by others. The forty percent of transgender people who have attempted suicide at some time in their lives[2]. In a world divided by discrimination, inequalities, and strife, where social divisions by power and gender exist, we pray for the creation of a new world of inclusion and welcome, in the Love of Christ.

Response: *"**Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

[2] Abridge this section if necessary. This information is from Stonewall reports and other sources

PERSONAL PRAYERS Leader

Now, silently, or aloud we each pray for matters that concern us, people we know, and issues that we set before you in love and faith

Response: **"Hear our Prayer"** Reader 2

Reader 2 concludes this section by introducing the following prayer

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REMEMBERING Reader 2

Lord God, we remember before you all those who have died recently, especially those known to us. On this day we also remember all those transgender people who have been murdered or committed suicide, because they have been trying to be true to their own identities. We also remember those who grieve for them. We pray for the perpetrators. Give them the peace of knowing that we all are loved in equal measure. Help us to find that in life, as in death, we all are alive in Your Kingdom of Love.

Response: ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

OURSELVES Reader 3

Often, we are uncertain, like Thomas, who did not know the way to follow. Or Philip who asked to see the evidence before being convinced. And when we see how Jesus responded to their uncertainties, when he said: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life".* Help us to recognise the harm we may have done to others through ignorance or lack of understanding even when our best intentions are in place. As we mourn for those who have died let us remember that the true fruits of that mourning must be found in a better and more understanding world. In place of our own fears, our doubts and uncertainties, grant us your peace, give us the joy, hope and courage to bring that good news, with your message of mercy, justice, love, and freedom to the world.

Lord in Your Mercy:

Response: **"*Hear our Prayers*"** Reader 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER Leader Introduces

In your own language and preferred version, as our Father has taught us… let us pray

COMMISSIONING Leader

Today, we have remembered those transgender people who have died by the hands of others, for daring to be who they are. You have called us to your service, to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. That their deaths may not be in vain, in your grace and your forgiveness, we ask for the courage to bring your love and acceptance to the world

Response: ***"Help us God to do Your will"*** Reader 1

THE PEACE *(gallery view)*

The Peace of the Lord be Always with You Leader
Response: **"And also with you"** Reader 1
Let us offer each other a (Socially distanced) Sign of Peace

HYMN

Leader Introduces
Organ Music, follow or sing to the words
(order of service view)

LORD, WE HEAR THIS CALL TO SERVICE

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Lord, we hear Your call to service
Love and trust for all to see
Let us bring Your wish for welcome
To a world that You make free

Neither race nor sex nor gender
Shall debar us from your call
When our acts are based on loving
You do welcome one and all

Give us strength to face our weakness
Give us power to do your will
Conquer fear and conquer danger
Brought by love we would fulfil

Give to us the power and wisdom
To pursue this glorious task In your
strength and power and glory
Through your love we dare to ask.

Tune: Sussex: "Father, hear the prayer we offer"

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Adapted and abbreviated. For the complete hymn go to:
http://www.tgdr.co.uk/liturgies/hymns.htm

BENEDICTION Leader

As we go out into the world, from depression bring resolution, from hurt bring forgiveness, from despair bring hope, from fear bring courage, from self-interest bring compassion, from sadness bring joy, from darkness bring light, from commitment bring the peace which comes of knowing that we do God's will. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and for evermore.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the World

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the Earth

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