MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE CLASS OF 2001 IN HARVARD COLLEGE

TWENTIETH REUNION

Sunday, June 6, two thousand twenty-one
twelve o'clock noon
ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING WORDS

Dr. David Orr

READING

“Mutability”

Percy Bysshe Shelley
(1792-1822)

I.
We are as clouds that veil the midnight moon;
How restlessly they speed and gleam and quiver,
Streaking the darkness radiantly!—yet soon
Night closes round, and they are lost for ever:

II.
Or like forgotten lyres whose dissonant strings
Give various response to each varying blast,
To whose frail frame no second motion brings
One mood or modulation like the last.

III.
We rest.—a dream has power to poison sleep;
We rise.—one wandering thought pollutes the day;
We feel, conceive or reason, laugh or weep,
Embrace fond woe, or cast our cares away:

IV.
It is the same!—For, be it joy or sorrow,
The path of its departure still is free;
Man's yesterday may ne'er be like his morrow;
Nought may endure but Mutability.

OFFERING OF REMEMBRANCES

READING OF THE NAMES OF DECEASED CLASSMATES

The congregation standing

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

“In Memory of Voices That Are Hushed”
MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

CLASS EULOGY

READING

from The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying

Sogyal Rinpoche (1947-2019)

“This existence of ours is as transient as autumn clouds
To watch the birth and death of beings is like looking at
the movements of a dance.
A lifetime is like a flash of lightening in the sky,
Rushing by, like a torrent down a steep mountain.”
What is born will die;
What has been gathered will be dispersed;
What has been accumulated will be exhausted;
What has been built up will collapse
And what has been high will be brought low.

DEDICATION

Dr. Amma Y. Ghartey-Tagoe Kootin

BENEDICTION

The service is conducted by Dr. David Orr.

The first reading is read by Richard Freed and the second reading is read by Edward Baker, Co-Chairs of the Twentieth Reunion

The names of deceased classmates are read by Sterling P.A. Darling, Jr.
In Memoriam

Sean Denis Boyland
Mary C. Campbell Nir
Christina Gar-Wai Chan
Edward S. Chen
Corinne Sinclair Crawford
Robert Frank Erickson
Richard Keiffer Feeley
Nathan S. Foley-Mendelssohn
Frederick Rupert Hood
Connie Kwon Kin
Ogden Northrop Lewis, Jr.
* Christopher G. Roberts
  * Supriya K. Saha
Christopher Michael Sahm
Kevin Lamont Sheppard
Lea Fohrder Sullivan
Haley Shailesh Surti
Daniel Satchyu Weiss

(with * denoting those who have died since the Fifteenth Reunion)