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- Will you stand for the invocation? Holy, holy, holy, art Thou O Lord, God of host. The whole earth is full of Thy glory, glory be to Thee O Lord, Most High. We enter the gates of Thy house in praise. We approach Thy courts with joy. We sing to Thee with cheerful voice. We serve Thee with mirth. We come before Thee and rejoice. Accept us for we come in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (gentle pipe organ music)

- Dearly beloved, we have come gladly to the sacred place to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for the faithful and loving ministry of James T. Cleland: son, brother, husband, minister, and teacher, our servant and friend and father in Christ to a multitude. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." The light that Jim has brought into our world has spoken to our necessity, and we give praise and thanks to God for it. For the light of his compassion as God and comforter of the troubled and perplexed, the distraught and bereaved, the sick and the dying. For the light of his humor, we have sorely needed such a one who acquainted with grief and a companion of sorrow could provoke us to laughter and joy in depressing and anxious times and relieve the dullness and the pain of life with sparkle and wit. For the light of his charity. In the knowledge that God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, Jim has had the singular grace to call to remembrance the good he found in us and leave our failings to the discretion of God. For this benevolence, we offer a prayer of relief as well as thanksgiving. For the light of his wisdom as confidant, counselor and teacher in classroom, book and lecture, in study, office and home, at table and upon the field of play. For the light of his patriotism. As native son of Scotland, he has made of us one and all a gathering of the clan and kindred to that Bonnie Land. As adopted son of America, he has inspired in us a deeper love for the land of our birth. For the light of his service. Jesus speaks to us in the gospel of John, "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man in this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Since we all know it, we might as well declare it. Jim has laid down his life for us individually in fulfillment of the scripture, and we give glory to God also for his extensive usefulness beyond church, divinity school and chapel, his assigned domain to the medical center as trusted colleague and fellow worker with doctors, nurses, and patients; to Brown at now Cleland House, as Santa Mclaus, and surrogate dad to a generation of students; to Athletic Enterprises as coach and fan of our teams through thick and thin; to the university at large, at home and abroad where he is Cleland of Duke, ambassador extraordinary to the Chaplains Corps of our military services and to schools and colleges across our land. Especially do we praise God for the light of Jim's faith, which has kindled faith within us, faith in God as creator, sovereign Lord and loving Father, faith in Christ as the word of God made flesh among us, faith in confession and forgiveness of sin, faith in the living hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting, faith in the church as the body of Christ and as a colony of God's kingdom upon earth, faith in its ministry as a high and worthy calling, faith in the scriptures as the true and the lively word of God especially when Jim is the lector, faith in the sacraments as channels

of God's grace especially when Jim is celebrant and priest, faith in prayer, faith in private and corporate acts of worship especially when Jim is presiding minister, and faith in preaching especially when Jim is the preacher. At this point as I wrote those lines, upon sudden impulse and following Jim's practice, I turn to a modern dictionary for a suitable definition of preaching which read in part as follows: to give religious or moral instruction, especially in a drawn out and tiresome manner. (congregation laughing) Thanks to Jim, our faith in preaching does not rest upon that standard. When our Dean is in the pulpit, we are never bored. And like is not, we fall unto equal parts of mirth and conviction. The light of Jim's faith has deepened within us also faith in the goodness of life itself in spite of all vicissitudes and faith in ourselves as children of God, even the least of us, because Jim treats us as persons worthy of his remarkably thoughtful and gracious attention because he has collected people, and to our endless delight, has shared with us his reservoir of stories. And because he also takes the time to correspond as well as write to us. And finally, Jim, above all else, we give glory to God for the light of your love. Once again, in the gospel of John, our Lord is speaking, "A new commandment I give you that you love one another. Even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this, all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." Jim Cleland, you are God's man, disciple of our Lord, good shepherd of the flock. You have given your very self to us in his name. By his call, you have become for us God's word made flesh again. We love you, Jim, because you first loved us. May God be praised. Amen. (soft pipe organ music) ♪ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord ♪ ♪ His words are (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ By his grace and his might ♪ ♪ He (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord ♪ ♪ His words are (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord ♪ ♪ His words are (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ By his grace and his might ♪ ♪ He (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ By his grace and his might ♪ ♪ He (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord ♪ ♪ His words are (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ By his grace and his might ♪ ♪ He (sings faintly) ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ Hallelujah ♪ ♪ By his grace and his might ♪ ♪ He (sings faintly) ♪

- "Oh, that my words were written. Oh, that they were inscribed in a book. Oh, that with an iron pen and lead, they were graven in the rock forever. For I know that my Redeemer lives and at last he will stand upon the earth. And then without flesh, I shall see God whom I shall see on my side and my eye shall behold and not another, my heart faints within me." (gentle pipe organ music) (woman sings faintly)
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- "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth for you have died and your life is hid with Christ and God. When Christ who as our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Do not lie to one another. Seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all. Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience for bearing one another. And if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other. As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called into one body, and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

- I read once that there are two experiences which draw people together: the experience of fear and the experience of faith. We're drawn together today through a common experience of faith. Faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And we're drawn together through our common experiences as sharers in or recipients of the life and ministry of James T. Cleland. Paul wrote as we just heard to the church at Colossae, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." In one of his books, preaching to be understood, Dr. Cleland makes reference to a quote, proper sorrow, a proper commitment and a proper hope, unquote. We have here today a proper sorrow. Sorrow is an inevitable experience for you and for me. Indeed, for every child of God, there is sorrow that comes sometimes without cause, there is sorrow that comes often with improper cause, and then there is sorrow that occurs with proper cause and we have proper cause. Sorrow that the full holy active official career of James T. Cleland has now become the retired emeritus, but in many ways, just as active career that James be Duke professor of preaching emeritus and the Dean of the chapel emeritus. Let us recall however, that we sorrow, not only when there has been no feeling, no meaning, no relationship of value. We sorrow only because he may not be available 24 hours a day, because his wit may not enliven every official occasion or gathering within the university, or because he may not preach as often or teach preaching regularly. We have today a proper sorrow because the meaning has been rich and full in what has been. We have today a proper commitment. Our commitment is to God, the God and Father of us all who is above all and in all, and with us all. We celebrate with thanksgiving the commitment of Jim Cleland. A commitment he showed to us and shared with us in word, in thought and in feeling. Paul's word says it to us and for us, "Seek the things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Paul writes, "In another place I live, yet not I, but it is the Christ who lives in me." A commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Lord of life and death, Lord of the present and the future, Lord of the night and of the day, Lord of male and female, Lord of the church and the world, Lord of the mind, the spirit and the body. "Set your mind on things above," Paul wrote. "Holy, lovely, good, noble, pure, just, loving." And Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus." A proper commitment to Jesus Christ with all that this means for today and forever. We have today a proper hope, our New Testament word again. When Christ who has our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Jim Cleland shares with all of us his conviction of hope,

which he knows in God. To how many troubled students has he given hope for that day? To how many distressed has he brought hope for tomorrow? For how many sorrowing has he communicated hope for joy? To how many bereaved husbands and wives and children has he given a word of hope for a brighter day? To how many who were baptized or who were married, or who heard his sermons or lectures, or who shared his prayers as the word of God been shared with conviction and with love? Hope for you and me, indeed for every child of God. I'm reminded of the 38-year-old woman I read about in the paper this week, and perhaps you read also, she had been injured in 1958 and in a wheelchair ever since. They learned just this week that she has cancer and only a few months to live. And she said, "I'm not afraid of dying for I know that there are no wheelchairs in heaven." That sounded to me like a word of hope. A word from God that Jim Cleland may have spoken. "No wheelchairs in heaven." Whatever you do in word or deed, whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord, Jesus. A celebration today of the life and ministry of James T. Cleland, a moment for a proper sorrow, a proper commitment, but more importantly, a moment for a proper hope. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (bright pipe organ music) (bright pipe organ music)

(choir singing brightly) ♪ Rejoice ♪ (bright pipe organ music)

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(choir singing brightly) (bright pipe organ music)

(choir singing brightly) ♪ Amen ♪

- Let us unite responsibly in a mosaic of prayers composed by and first offered in this chapel by James T. Cleland. Let us pray. Almighty, eternal, and holy God who need us not, but desire us the worship of all, we bow before Thee because we acknowledge Thee to be our God. Send upon us the worshiping people, the gift of our holy spirit that we may know that Thou art here, that we may conduct ourselves becomingly in Thy house, that we may honor Thee in our corporate service of prayer and praise and the Word. And here we leave this holy place, grant us the assurance of Thy blessing as promised unto us by Thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (congregation speaking faintly) We bless Thee for all of Thy gifts, but especially do we give Thee thanks for Thy Son. We remember in great gratitude his eagerness not to be ministered unto, but to minister, his sympathy with suffering of every kind, his bravery in the face of his suffering, his quietness of bearing so that when reviled, he reviled not again, his steadiness of purpose in keeping to his appointed task, his simplicity, his inner discipline, his serenity of spirit, his complete reliance upon Thee, his acceptance of the cruel cross, his deliverance from death, his ever present spirit. (congregation speaking faintly) Almighty God, our loyalty today has been lost in the conflict of human loyalties, our own self interest has made us insensitive to Thy commands, our past is precious to us and we have allowed it to set limits upon the future, our worship and service have been feeble. We have not responded in love to Thee nor to the needs of Thy church. We have not used disappointment as material for patience. We have not used success as material for thankfulness. We have not used suspense as material for perseverance. We have not used reproach as material for long suffering. We have not used praise as material for humility. We have not used pains as the various stuff of endurance.

- Forgive us, (speaking faintly), set us free (speaking faintly). (speaking faintly) faith (speaking faintly). Give us probation (speaking faintly). (speaking faintly) pray for (speaking faintly).

- The Lord is now unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contract spirit. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Therefore, trust in the Lord, wait patiently for him and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

- Let the grace of Jesus Christ be in us all. Amen. (bright pipe organ music) (choir singing brightly)
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- Let me remind each of you of the reception immediately following the service in the south courtyard. And as I was coming in today, someone remarked about how beautiful the weather is. And they said, "You'd almost think that Jim Cleland had something to do with this, wouldn't you?" Indeed whether it was Jim's doing or whomever, it is a beautiful day and one in which we shall continue to rejoice in the courtyard with Jim and Alice. Also so that Jim and Alice may have a remembrance of the presence of each of us here, including the members of the choir and all who are here, would you be sure that you sign one of the guest registers prior to your leaving this day. Let me simply acknowledge with appreciation on behalf of those of us who have planned for service, the presence of those special guests who have been in the procession, the Reverend Lucy Austin, and the Reverend Helen Crowell, ministers to the university at the present time, Dr. Jay Phillips and the Reverend Elmer Hall, Dr. Barney Jones who is one of the participants in the service, all former chaplains to the university, Mr. EJ Evans and Mr. James Hawkins. Mr. Evans, former mayor. and Mr. Hawkins, current mayor of Durham. Friends of Jim and Alice and representatives of the city of Durham. Dr. Albert Whiting, friend and President of North Carolina Central University representing this our sister institution in Durham, Chaplain Edward Swanson who is Director of Publications for the Office of the Chaplains, the military to chaplaincy of the United States, and is editor of the Chaplain Magazine. Coach Wallace Wade, former head football coach and athletic director who gave Jim his first job as soccer coach here. Dr. Richard Leach who is President of the Duke University Church, the church to whom Jim has been pastor for many years. And the Reverend George Neil representing the United Presbyterian Church where Dr. Cleland's membership currently is. At this time, I'd like to ask Chaplain Swanson, Mr. Carl James, Dr. David Sabiston, and Ms. Cheryl Johnson to join me here, if you will. And Cheryl, if you will escort Jim, I'll escort Alice, and we'd like to have them join us up here as well if you folks would stand here and let us. (men speaking faintly) Chaplain Swanson from the Office of Chaplains has a word to share with us. And then I have another word before we hear from the other three persons here. chaplain Swanson, we're pleased to have you with us. Thank you.

- Thank you, Dr. Young. Good to be here. Dr. Mrs. Cleland, ladies and gentlemen, it's an honor to be able to participate in this occasion. I was well aware that the Scottish Church for its part was conscious that there are goodies and besties, and we things that go bump in the night, but I was startled when I discovered that it also knew about archangels. Let me quote from Jim Cleland's first article in the Chaplain Magazine in January of 1957.

(congregation laughing) He said, and I quote, "The (indistinct) chaplain must be an Archbishop plus. He

must be an archangel, blessed with the patience of Job, the shrewdness of Satan, and the love of Jesus Christ, all combined into a harmonious whole," end quote. This was one of his observations after his return upon a preaching tour of our military installations, and particularly at Berchtesgaden in Germany. I'm not certain what the Presbyterian equivalent of an Archbishop is. As an Anglican myself, and yet I'm certain that Jim Cleland should be one, a veritable Archangel Gabriel himself standing in this pulpit, blowing his horn (congregation laughing) and speaking the Lord's Word for I'm sure of the shrewdness of Satan himself in his own inimitable scotch way and deeply filled with the love of Jesus Christ. Jim, it's a pleasure to greet you on behalf of the entire membership of the General Commission of Chaplains and armed forces personnel. And I'm sure of the many, many chaplains whose lives you have touched. And I'm sure I'm authorized to speak on this occasion for the three chiefs of chaplains: Major General Roy Terry of the Air Force, Rorano Frank Garrett of the Navy, Major General Will Hyatt of the Army. My research indicates that your first regular column on preaching appeared in the Chaplain in December, 1957 and was entitled of all things, "The Sermon That Failed." Since then, by my count, and our arithmetic is somewhat divergent I see, you have delivered a total of 80 columns for as many issues of our magazine. We'll get this squared away. I'm sure that this is the longest string of any of our contributors. Your most recent column, the two or three-minute sermon for the summer issue of our magazine is now at the printer. Your work thus covers a period of nearly 14 years. We are most grateful for the contribution you've made to our ministry, to ministers of every persuasion. God bless and keep you. (speaks faintly)

- Jim and Alice together have had unique relationships with many persons and many groups in this university and in this town, but among those are three represented here before you this afternoon: Mr. Carl James, the Athletic Director; Dr. David Sabiston, Professor of Surgery in the Medical Center; and Mrs. Cheryl Johnson, President of Cleland House. We've had a personal word, we've had a preached word, and now a present word from each of them.

- When Jim Cleland arrived on the Duke Campus, the sport of soccer, a lifetime love of Jim's was coming out of a four year period of inactivity due to the war years. In fact, it was Wallace Wade who learned of Jim's interest and requested that he assist Jerry Gerard in bringing in a collegiate soccer back to Duke. This they did, and in Jim's first season, 1946, that was one of the most successful soccer seasons in Duke history, losing only once. And as Jim Cleland has pointed out on many occasions, we beat North Carolina three matches out of three. (congregation laughing) Wallace Wade was responsible for introducing Jim to Duke Athletics. And while Jim was not able to continue due to his other duties, this none-paying coaching position, he has been a close friend of all Duke Catholic teams and their coaches. And today, 29 years later, we continue to be the beneficiaries of coach Wade's appointment. For this, we are extremely grateful as Jim and his relations with Duke athletes over the years has evinced a generosity of heart and mind, a dedication of friendship, which inevitably compelled reciprocation. Anyone who brushed shoulders with Jim Cleland received from him such emotional warmth and such a spirit of fellowship that one knew that he was a rare person indeed. Jim, on behalf of all of those you have assisted with your fellowship, I bring to you not only their thanks, but their blessings for your interest and friendship. And now on behalf of all these people, I would like to present you with a scroll appointing you to another non-paid athletic position, (congregation laughing) soccer coach emeritus. (congregation laughing and clapping) And Jim, to you and Alice for your leisure time are matching his and hers soccer shirt. (congregation laughing and clapping) (man speaks

faintly) Thank you.

- Oh, thank you, (speaks faintly). (congregation laughing)

- It's (speaks faintly). (congregation laughing) (congregation clapping)

- This is a very memorable occasion for all the admirers of this great gentleman whom we honor today. All agree that he is cherished, loved, and respected throughout the university community, and indeed in much wider circles throughout the country. In the Medical Center, he is held in especially high regard and has been for many years. He is frequently with us and with our patients. He is often at our table in the hospital dining room, and his conversation is unmatched. Moreover, he is always available day or night for our patients, his friends, in our problems, with both strength and comfort for us all. Jim Cleland has that composition of character to which most aspire. He is scholarly but yet plain, brilliant but humble, bold but sensitive. And he can chat us, but with that added bit of humor, which both eases and yet emphasizes the point he chooses to make. For these and many other exemplary traits, his physician friends, both precedent several years ago and provided him with a distinctive honor. The faculty, students, and previous graduates of the School of Medicine combined to create for him honorary membership in the Medical Alumni Association, and by so doing, honored itself. Today it is our privilege to present to him a special Duke physician's coat upon which is a hand embroidered thistle. Yes, a thistle.

(congregation laughing) That continuing symbol of the great country of his birth, Scotland, a nation which has given so many brilliant and creative leaders to the world. In closing these brief remarks, let me cite another great Scotsman, a literary genius of a previous era, Robert Burns, who very happily describes you in this statement which I quote. "Whatever eases the woes or increases the happiness of others, this is your criterion of goodness. And whatever injured society at large or of any individual in it, this is your measure of inequity." Jim, in presenting you with this physician's coat, we pay you high tribute for you have indeed been a great shepherd of your sheep. (woman speaks faintly)

(man laughs) (woman laughs)

(congregation clapping)

- Dean Cleland, I can only say to you that from the Brownies to the Cleland House girls, you've always come to us with love. And so, we like to return all the love that you've given us because you'll always hold a very special place in our hearts. So for you, a bouquet of roses. (man speaks faintly) (congregation clapping)

(woman whispering)

(man laughs)

- (speaks faintly) Thank you so much.

- Thank you so much too. (speaks faintly) (bright pipe organ music) (bright pipe organ music)

(choir singing faintly) (bright pipe organ music) (gentle pipe organ music)

- And now may the love and the grace and the joy and the peace of God be with you always. (choir singing faintly) (choir singing faintly) (bell ringing) (bright pipe organ music) (gentle pipe organ music) (gentle pipe

organ music) (congregation clapping) (people speaking faintly)

- Oh, yeah.