

For all members of our families,
and others dear to us, now in your nearer presence:
that we may share with them the joys of your eternal home,

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

(short pause)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

AMEN.

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The Scottish people have always been conservative in matters of worship, and two tendencies of the present time increase the suspicion with which the so-called innovations are regarded. One is the increasing drift towards England of various national institutions, and the other the steady increase of the Irish population of the country. One sympathises with dislike of the notion that the Church of Scotland might ever become, like so many of our banks, railways and business companies, a mere provincial branch with its headquarters in London. Also, while condemning their methods, one understands that those who nourish sectarian bitterness because of the economic and cultural effects of so large an alien immigration. It is difficult to persuade many that Romanism grows not by conversion but by importation, and that Protestant strength is to be shown not by terrified starting at shadows but by fearless continuance on the path of Reformed tradition and by such improvements of it, even though they may have the appearance of concessions, as shall conserve and consolidate its principles."

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