



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, OXFORD

FORM OF SERVICE FOR

The Deposition of Colours

The Presentation of the Roll of Honour

The Dedication of the Altar in the Memorial Chapel

Of the

OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

ARMISTICE DAY

11 November, 1931, at 12 noon.

## FANFARE OF TRUMPETS

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,

*Then, all kneeling the Minister shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Priest.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Here all standing up the priest shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen,

*Priest.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

### PSALM 46

*Deus noster refugium.*

I. God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

### THE LESSON

WISDOM iii, 1-9

1. But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and, there shall no torment touch them.

2. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die and their departure is taken for misery.

3. And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

4. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

5. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself.

6. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering.

7. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble.

8. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

9. They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Fanfare of Trumpets.*

### HYMN

Onward, Christian soldiers,

*The Bishop, the Dean and Canons, and the Colonel of the Regiment will then proceed to the Chapel, the Congregation still standing; and the Colonel will say to the Dean,*

Very Reverend Sir,

On behalf of the officers, warrant officers, non commissioned officers and men of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry I beg you to accept in custody, and keep in this Cathedral Church, these Colours belonging to the Regiment.

*The Dean will answer,*

General Sir John Hanbury-Williams, officers, warrant-officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, I accept these Colours belonging to your Regiment, and will see to it that we keep them well and safely in this Cathedral Church.

*Fanfare of Bugles.*

*The Colonel of the Regiment will then move to the Roll of Honour and, unlocking the case in which it is kept, give the key in the hands of the Dean, saying,*

Very Reverend Sir,

On behalf of the officers, warrant officers, non commissioned officers and men of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, I beg you to accept in custody and keep in this Cathedral Church this Roll of Honour in which are inscribed the names of the 5,878 officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment who laid down their lives for their King and Country in the Great War.

*The Dean will accept the key and will lock the case containing the Roll of Honour, and will say,*

General Sir John Hanbury-Williams, officers, warrant-officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, I accept the custody of this Roll of Honour, and will see to it that we keep it well and safely in this Cathedral Church. May it be to the members of your Regiment who come into this their Chapel, to us who worship regularly in this Cathedral, and to all others who enter this building, a perpetual reminder that during the long years of the war the soldiers of the Regiment fought and died nobly for their King and Country.

And may it teach those who come after so to follow the example of their valour, discipline, and self-sacrifice, that they may with them attain the reward of everlasting life, and pass from the trials and conflicts of this present world into the everlasting peace of the world to come, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Fanfare of Bugles*

*The Bishop will then proceed to the Altar, and the Colonel of the Regiment will approach him saying,*

Reverend Father in God,

On behalf of the officers, warrant officers, non commissioned officers and men of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, I beg you to dedicate this Altar to the glory of God and for the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, in memory of those members of the Regiment who fell in the Great War.

*The Bishop will then dedicate the Altar, first turning to the people and saying,*

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

Let us pray to Almighty God, our heavenly Father, that He, hearkening to our cry, will of His great mercy sanctify with His blessing this Altar now to be consecrated for Holy rites; that He will always vouchsafe to bless and sanctify the oblations of His servants and handmaids, in due devotion offered thereon; that as the sweet savour of these spiritual sacrifices ascends before His throne, He will ever be ready graciously to hearken unto His people when they make their prayer unto Him.

*Then turning to the Altar the Bishop will say,*

Almighty God, give ear to the prayers which we humbly present before Thee; hallow this Altar and the vessels thereof through the invocation of Thy Holy Name ; and grant that the offerings made upon this Holy Table may be acceptable and well-pleasing unto Thee, through the grace and power of Thy Holy Spirit. Hearken evermore to the supplications of Thy household in this place, lighten their load of trouble and heal their diseases, grant their petitions and accept their resolutions, strengthen their good hopes and fulfil their holy desires: that we may ever draw nigh to the gift of Thy grace with conscience sound and undefined; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Fanfare of Bugles.*

*When all have returned to their seats, the Choir will sing the Anthem, the Congregation standing.*

I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me,

Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. Amen. (Goss.)

*Minister* Let us pray.

Lord, Have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

*Priest.* O Lord, save the King.

*Answer.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee

*Priest.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Answer.* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

*Priest.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.* And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

O God the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal Lord God, who boldest all souls in life; We beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church in paradise and on earth the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort, and grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served Thee here and are now at rest, may with them at length enter into the fulness of Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine Almighty arm to strengthen and protect all who serve in our Country's Forces in every peril of sea, land, and air. Shelter them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing Thee Who art invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen,*

*Fanfare of Trumpets.*

## HYMN

O Valiant Hearts, who to their glory came

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