

Oldbury County High School

ORDER OF SERVICE

AND

DEDICATION OF TABLETS

IN MEMORY OF FORMER
MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL
WHO LAID DOWN THEIR
LIVES IN TWO WORLD WARS



TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, 1948

HYMN :

Songs of Praise, 289.

Tune : Meyer-Es Ist Kein Tag.

Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.

FOR those we love within the veil,
Who once were comrades of our way,
We thank thee, Lord ; for they have won
To cloudless day ;

And life for them is life indeed,
The splendid goal of earth's strait race ;
And where no shadows intervene
They see thy face.

O fuller, sweeter is that life,
And larger, ampler is the air ;
Eye cannot see nor heart conceive
The glory there ;

Nor know to what high purpose thou
Dost yet employ their ripened powers,
Nor how at thy behest they touch
This life of ours.

There are no tears within their eyes ;
With love they keep perpetual tryst ;
And praise and work and rest are one
With thee, O Christ.

*The Congregation shall stand whilst the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens
reads the sentences :*

He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

Verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and
believeth on him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh
not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life.

PRAYERS : *To be said by Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, the
Congregation standing :*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Oh God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LESSON, to be read by the Head Master, the Congregation sitting:

The Book of Wisdom

Chapters III, 1-6; V, 15-16.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery, And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for himself. As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering.

But the righteous live for evermore, their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.

HYMN :

Songs of Praise, 202. Tune : Sine Nomine (Vaughan Williams)

Verses 4, 5, 6 sung by Choir only.

Unison.

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess'd,
Thy Name, O JESU, be for ever blest.
Alleluia !

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might ;
Thou, LORD, their Captain in the well-fought fight ;
Thou in the darkness drear their one, true Light.
Alleluia !

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia !

Choir only, softly :

O blest communion ! fellowship Divine !
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine ;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia !

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia !

The golden evening brightens in the west ;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest ;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia !

Unison :

But lo ! there breaks a yet more glorious day ;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array :
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia !

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
From gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST.
Alleluia ! Amen.

ADDRESS. *The Rev. H. Fletcher.*

Then shall the Head Master, the Congregation reverently standing, solemnly recite the Names of those former members of Oldbury County High School who have fallen in two World Wars, beginning as follows :

Let us now unite in praise and thanksgiving for our Brothers who during two wars have died for their King and Country, on land, by sea and in the air, in the High Cause of Freedom and Honour.

Their names will ever be held in honour and love in the homes from which, at the call of duty, they went forth to fight and died.

THE CAPTAINS OF THE SCHOOL SHALL HERE
UNVEIL THE MEMORIAL TABLETS.

Then shall follow the Names of the Fallen, concluding with the words :

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old :

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Then shall these prayers be said by the Rev. J. D. Crosland, all standing :

We praise thy name, O God, for all thy saints who, having served thee in their generation, have fallen on sleep. Give us, we pray thee, such a measure of thy Spirit that we pray thee, such a measure of thy Spirit that we also, in this our day, may be worthy of thy service : for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O Lord our God, whose name only is excellent and thy praise above heaven and earth : We give thee high praise and hearty thanks for all those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves but laid them down for their friends ; beseeching thee to give them a part and a lot in those good things which thou hast prepared for all those whose names are written in the Book of Life ; and grant to us, that having them always in remembrance, we may imitate their faithfulness and with them inherit the new name which thou hast promised to them that overcome ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Response : As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God :

Response : It is meet and right so to do.

HYMN.

Songs of Praise, 319.

Tune : Thaxted (Gustav Holst)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love ;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best ;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know ;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King ;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering ;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Then the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens shall read the Foundation Prayer, whilst all remain standing :

O Lord God, the Father of lights, the Maker and Builder of every house not made with hands : We give thee thanks for all members of this foundation who have served thee with fruitful labour for the increase of knowledge and wisdom, and for the nurture of faithful servants of thy Church and Kingdom. As thou didst enable them to add their share to thy work, wrought out by many hands from year to year, so teach and strengthen us, we pray thee, to do thy will in the task which thou hast apportioned to us in this our generation ; and grant that with them we may enter into thy joy in the fulfilment of thine eternal counsel ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSING.

OLDBURY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Roll of Honour

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Requiescant in pace

FIRST WORLD WAR

W. Q. COOK	W. H. JACKSON
E. DEXTER	F. JACQUES
R. EVANS	J. A. MALONE (<i>Staff</i>)
H. A. FOSTER	H. F. RIGG
R. C. GEE	

SECOND WORLD WAR

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J. P. ADAMS	T. H. KIDD
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A. F. BOLTON	R. W. PENNELL
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