



**A Burial Service for**

**An Unknown Soldier of The Great War**

**11:15 hours 21 September 2021**

**Guards' Cemetery, Lesboeufs, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Simon Talbot CF**

**Chaplain 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Rifles**

Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Simon Talbot

### **Guards' Cemetery, LesBoeufs**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Guards' Cemetery was created after the capture of LesBoeufs in September 1916. Originally consisting of 40 graves, the cemetery was greatly increased after the Armistice when isolated graves and small cemeteries from the surrounding battlefields were brought in. Sadly, over half of the burials within this cemetery, including the casualty being interred today, remain unidentified.

### **Call to Worship**

*Appel à Adoration*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness. We come before our faithful God as we remember our fallen comrade and commit these mortal remains to the ground.

*All* May the Peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Prière*

Faithful God, hear our prayers as we come to you. Renew our trust in your Son, who you raised from the dead; strengthen our faith that all who have died in the name of Christ will share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**

*Lecture des Écritures Saintes*

#### **John Chapter 14 v 1-6 (KJV)**

Let not your heart be troubled:  
ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would not have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the

way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not  
wither thou goest; and how can we know the way?  
Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:  
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

## **Reading**

### *Lecture*

#### **For the Fallen** *By Lawrence Binyon*

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs into battle, they were young  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with faces to the foe.

They shall grow not 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.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hope profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars that are known to the night.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.

### **Prayer for the Armed Forces**

*Prière pour les Forces Armées*

Almighty God,  
Stretch forth your mighty arm  
To strengthen and protect the armed forces:  
Grant that meeting danger with courage  
And all occasions with discipline and loyalty,  
They may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;  
To honour your holy name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

*All* **Amen.**

### **Committal**

*Enterrement*

Lord, we offer into your safe keeping this unknown  
soldier who is not unknown to you. We commit these  
mortal remains to the ground:  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:  
We look for the fullness of the resurrection  
when Christ shall gather all his people  
to reign with Him in glory for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Exhortation**

*L'Éxhortation*

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Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

*All* **We will remember them.**

### **The Last Post**

*Sonnerie aux Morts*

**Silence**

**Reveille**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

*L'Épitaphe de Kohima*

When you go home tell them of us and say:  
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

### **Laying of Wreaths**

*Dépôts des Gerbes*

### **Prayer**

*Prière*

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those who have given their life in the service of their country. As we remember those known to us and those whose names we will never know help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us dignity as we

pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Prière du Seigneur*

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*Séparation et Dernière Bénédiction*

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, The Queen, the Commonwealth, and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**



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