



A Burial Service for

**An Unknown British Soldier
of The Great War**

**14:00 hours 22 September 2021
Grevillers British Cemetery, France**

**Service conducted by the Reverend Simon Talbot CF
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Déroulement de la Cérémonie présidé par le Révérend Simon Talbot

Grevillers British Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Grevillers British Cemetery was created in March 1917 and was used until March 1918 when Grevillers was lost to German forces. The cemetery was used again from September 1918 when Grevillers was recaptured by the New Zealand Division. After the Armistice a further 200 graves were brought in from the battlefields to the South of the village. It is from this area that the unidentified casualty being interred today was recovered.

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.**

Gospel Reading

Lecture de l'Évangile

John Chapter 15 v 9-17 (ESV)

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Reading

Lecture

The Solider

By Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And thinks, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

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 forever.

All **Amen.**

The Exhortation

L'Éxhortation

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.

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 amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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