



**A Burial Service for
Two Unknown Commonwealth Soldiers
of The Great War**

**15:00 hours 21 September 2021
Pozières 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

Pozières British Cemetery

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Pozieres British Cemetery was begun in July 1916 and was used until March 1918 when Pozieres was lost to German forces. The original burials carried out by fighting units and field ambulances in 1916, 1917 and 1918 form Plot II. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the surrounding battlefields. The four unidentified casualties being buried here today were all recovered nearby.

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 comrades and commit their 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 des Écritures Saintes

John Chapter 15 v 9-13 (NIV)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I

have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Scripture Reading

Lecture des Écritures Saintes

Romans Chapter 8 v 35-39 (NIV)

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 these unknown soldiers who are not unknown to you. We commit their 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'Exhortation

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 among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



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