



## **The Somme Association**

*Commemoration of the  
100th Anniversary of  
The Ulster Tower*

# **Order of Divine Service**

*Ceremony at the Ulster Memorial Tower,  
Thiepval, France 19th November 2021 at 11am*

*They went with songs to the 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 their 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.*



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100th Anniversary of the Ulster Memorial Tower

## **ORDER OF COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

*Congregation move to their designated area by 1030hrs*

At 1045hrs The Cenotaph Party will take up  
position around the Ulster Tower

At 1047hrs The Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of  
The Royal Irish Regiment and Standards will parade on

*The Congregation shall stand to receive the VIP guests:*

*The Congregation remains standing while the  
The Queen's and Regimental Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions  
The Royal Irish Regiment are marched on while  
the Regimental Slow March is played.*

*Congregation to be seated*

A welcome to the assembled congregation shall be extended  
by **Alan McFarland**, *Chairman of the Somme Association*

A Letter from The Somme Association President, **HRH The Duke  
of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, GCStJ, FRIBA** shall be read by  
**Carol Walker MBE**, *Director of the Somme Association*

**AMAZING GRACE** - Sung by **Emma Brown**  
accompanied by the Bugles, Pipes and  
Drums of of The Royal Irish Regiment

A History of The Ulster Memorial Tower shall be read by  
**Carol Walker MBE**, *Director of the Somme Association*

*Historical Quotes*

Sir Henry Wilson, Bart, GCB, DSO, C.I.G.S  
King George V  
Sir Winston Churchill

## CALL TO WORSHIP

by Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu

*President of the Methodist Church in Ireland*

*"Friends, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God to offer unto Him our worship, praise, and thanksgiving, to remember proudly all those soldiers from Ulster, who fought a good fight, kept the faith and finished their course in this life. Wherefore, remembering God's presence with us now, let us praise and thank Him for the gallantry and resolute courage of all those who fought in the First World War"*

### HYMN:

#### O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight,  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come;  
Be thou our guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

## **THE LESSON**

John 15 verses 7-14

Read by **Rt Rev Dr David Bruce**

*Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland*

## **THE PRAYER**

Followed by The Lord's Prayer

## **ADDRESS**

By **The Most Revd. Francis John McDowell**

*Archbishop of Armagh*

## **THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

## **THE EXHORTATION**

Read by: **Major General C R J Weir DSO MBE,**

*Colonel, The Royal Irish Regiment*

**Response:** *"We Will Remember Them"*

**Note:** *During the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille,  
the congregation should stand to attention.  
Standards should be dipped.*

## **THE LAST POST**

*Silence shall be observed for one minute*

## **THE REVEILLE**

## **THE PIPER'S LAMENT**

## **THE PLACING OF OFFICIAL WREATHS**

announced by **Carol Walker MBE**

*Director of The Somme Association*

## **HYMN:**

### **GOD! AS WITH SILENT HEARTS WE BRING TO MIND**

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind  
how hate and war diminish humankind,  
we pause - and seek in worship to increase  
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall  
the lives of those who gave and give their all.  
We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men  
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,  
high hope to share with all the newly born,  
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:  
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,  
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.  
May we, impassioned by your living Word,  
remember forward to a world restored.

**Tune: The Supreme Sacrifice**

*During the hymn the representatives of the Local Authorities starting with Belfast as the Capital City and the other Local Authorities in alphabetical order will lay their wreaths.*

### **CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

**YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE** - Sung by **Emma Brown**  
Accompanied by the Band of 2 Brigade Defence Forces Ireland

### **CLOSING REMARKS AND THANKS**

**Alan McFarland**  
*Chairman of The Somme Association*

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

*The National Anthems are sung. All stand.*

### BRITISH

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen,  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign,  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.

### FRENCH

Allons enfants de la Patrie,  
Le jour de gloire est arrivé!  
Contre nous de la tyrannie,  
L'étendard sanglant est levé!  
L'étendard sanglant est levé!  
Entendez-vous dans les campagnes  
Mugir ces féroces soldats?  
Ils viennent jusqu'à dans nos bras  
Egorger nos fils et nos compagnes!  
Aux armes, citoyens!  
Formez vos bataillons!  
Marchons! marchons!  
Qu'un sang impur  
Abreuve nos sillons!

*The Congregation shall remain standing as the  
Regimental Colours are paraded from the Memorial  
as the Regimental Quick March is played*

*Please Remain Standing while the Dignitaries  
are escorted to the Memorial Room.*



### **36th (Ulster Division)**

The Officers of The Somme Association wish to record their sincere appreciation to all who have assisted with, and participated in, these Commemorations, particularly the Officers and other Ranks of The 1st and 2nd Battalions of The Royal Irish Regiment; the Band, Bugles, Pipes and Drums of The Royal Irish Regiment; 38th (Irish) Brigade and the Band of 2 Brigade Defence Forces Ireland.

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