



Westminster School
Remembrance Service

Friday 12 November 2021

Music before the service:

O Mensch beweine, deine Sünde groß (BWV 622), by J.S. Bach



On the 10th May 1941 School received a direct hit from an incendiary bomb during the Blitz. Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster were also damaged in the air raid that night. At the Abbey the lantern roof collapsed onto the crossing whilst across the road the medieval roof of Westminster Hall was at risk. The focus was understandably on saving these two buildings, which meant that School, and its beautiful oak hammer beam roof, was left to burn. Only the shell of the hall remained, and furniture belonging to members of staff and moved from boarding houses for safe keeping (see picture above) was completely destroyed. One remarkable survival was the *Greaze bar* which was found intact amongst the rubble. It was restored by pupils in 1946 so that the event could take place once again following the end of the war.

Cover Image: *School, as photographed in 1941*

All stand at the start of the service.

Bidding Prayer

The Chaplain says:

We are met together in the presence of Almighty God, whose purposes are good, who loves us and whose power sustains the world he has made, to remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others, to pray for all who suffer through war and to ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, which is for everyone to live together in peace.

Hymn

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

William Henry Monk (1823-89)

Please sit.

The Head Master reads:

A reading from the prophesy of Isaiah.

Many peoples shall come and say,
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2.3-5

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Choir sings.

*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.*

Music: Douglas Guest (1916-1996)

Text: Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

Please stand.

Act of Remembrance

The Chaplain says:

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping;
those who have died for their country in conflict;
Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure,
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

*The Heads of School read one fifth of the names of
Old Westminster who died in the First and Second World Wars.*

When the names have been read the Chaplain says:

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

Played by Rosie Cotton (BB, Remove)

THE SILENCE

REVEILLE

Played by Rosie Cotton (BB, Remove)

All remain standing.

Hymn

**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.**

Cecil Spring Rice (1859-1918)

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

The Blessing

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Music at the end of the service

Nimrod (Enigma Variations), by E.W. Elgar

The School exits in silence underneath the organ, past the Grave of the Unknown Warrior and then out through the Great West Door.

Please take this order of service with you.

1914 - 1918

S.A. Dickson	(killed near Ypres, 1917)
A.M. Dobbie	(died of wounds received near Bethune, 1918)
R.W.L. Dodds	(killed near Loos, 1915)
J.H. Dodgshon	(RFC, killed in training, 1916)
D.G. Le Doux-Veitch	(killed, Pozieres, 1916)
P.V. Drake-Brockman	(killed at Dickebusche, 1918)
G.T.A. Drought	(died of wounds, France 1915)
J.W. Dunlop	(died of wounds, Salonika 1915 in 1917)
W.B.W. Durrant	(killed near Ypres, 1918)
A.T. East	(died of wounds, Mesopotamia, 1915)
T. Edwardes	(killed near Ypres, 1918)
C.H. Edwards	(died of wounds, Fresnoy 1918)
A.C. Estall	(died of wounds, Ypres 1917)
G.L.P. Eyre	(died of effects of gas-poisoning, 1921)
E.L. Faire	(killed, Maurel 1916)
E.W.S. Faulkner	(died of wounds, Albert 1918)
R.B. Featherstone	(killed in action, 1914)
J.W. Ferguson	(killed, Gallipoli 1915)
C.D. Fisher	(drowned off Jutland, HMS Invincible, 1916)
H.W. Fleming	(killed Gheluvelt, 1916)
W.W.S. Flockhart	(killed Messines, 1914)
A.S.Forbes	(died of wounds, Albert 1916)
R.L.F.Forster	(killed Monchy, 1917)

1939 - 45

N.C.H. Clout (RAFVR, died of injuries, 1941)
M.H.B. Cockin (killed Sicily, 1944)
D. Cragg-Hamilton (killed Dunkirk, May 1940)
P.J.L. Crook (killed North Africa, 1943)
B.H. Cumberland (killed North Africa, 1943)
D.F. Currier (killed USS Plymouth, 1943)
J.M. Dalton (killed 1944)
K.F. Davies (lost at sea, H.M.M. Welshman, 1943)
A. Dearmer (RAFVR, killed, 1943)
C.A. de Bathe Bt. (RAFVR, killed, 1941)
A.M. Doswell (lost at sea, Norwegian SS Polyanna, 1941)
M.D. Doulton (Hurricane pilot, killed August 1940)
J. Dugdale (Squadron Leader, killed in action)
H.W.M. Dulley (killed Hong Kong, 1941)
E.C.T. Edwards (RAF, killed over Holland, 1940)
J.O.V. Edwards (killed Burma, 1942)
