

Christ Church - Meaford



Memorial Service

Sunday Morning, August 11th, 1946

at eleven o'clock

Rev. (H/Major) H. F. Appleyard, B.A., Litt., M.C.
Rector

Hymn 404 "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar,
Who follows in his train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain;
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in his train.

A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came: Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew, And mocked the cross and flame. They met the tyrant's brandished steel, The Lion's gory mane; They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who follows in their train?	A noble army—men and boys, The matron and the maid; Around the Saviour's throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed. They climbed the steep ascent of heaven Through peril, toil and pain: O God, to us may grace be given To follow in their train. Amen.
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Then shall the minister say

The Lord hearkened and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance; the memory of the just is blessed.

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and show forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask, on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Then shall follow the Confession to be joined in by the whole congregation

O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed: We have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution, to be pronounced by the minister, the congregation still kneeling.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer by the minister and congregation

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever Amen.

Then shall be said

Priest: O Lord open Thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here everyone shall stand up

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be read the following Psalm.

The priest and the congregation reading alternate verses

PSALM 102

Hear my prayer, O Lord and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

4 But thou, O Lord, shall endure for ever: and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

5 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;

6 When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear;

7 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.

8 This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

9 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary: out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

10 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death.

11 He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

12 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

13 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

14 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

15 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

16 The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

*Then shall be read the Lesson
and then shall be sung the following Hymn*

- Let us now praise famous men: and our fathers that begat us.
- 2 The Lord hath wrought great glory by them: through his great power from the beginning.
- 3 All these were honored in their generations: and were the glory of their times.
- 4 There be of them that have left a name behind them: that their praises might be reported.
- 5 And some there be which have no memorial: who are perished as though they had never been.
- 6 And are become as though they had never been born: and their children after them.
- 7 But these were merciful men: whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.
- 8 With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance: and their children are within the covenant.
- 9 Their seed standeth fast: and their children for their sakes.
- 10 Their seed shall remain for ever: and their glory shall not be blotted out.
- 11 Their bodies are buried in peace: but their name liveth for evermore.
- 12 The people will tell of their wisdom: and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Answer: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the King.

Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Answer: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects



Hymn 218 "Hark the Sound of Holy Voices"

Hark! the sound of holy voices,
Chanting at the crystal sea,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Lord, to thee:
Multitudes which none can number,
Like the stars in glory stand
Clothed in white apparel, holding
Palms of victory in their hand.

Marching with thy Cross their banner,
They have triumphed, following
Thee, the Captain of salvation,
Thee, their Saviour and their King;
Gladly, Lord, with thee they suffered;
Gladly, Lord, with thee they died;
And by death to life immortal
They were born, and glorified.

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of Light, Emmanuel,
In whose Body joined together
All the saints for ever dwell;
Pour upon us of thy fulness,
That we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost adore. Amen.

The Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial Windows and Plaque

The clergy shall proceed to the appropriate place, the congregation still standing. Then the minister shall say

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
Amen.

Dearly beloved, Forasmuch as devout and thankful men in all ages have erected memorials to those servants of God and mankind whom men have deemed worthy to be had in remembrance, and there have gone forth from this congregation men who counted not their lives too much to give that others might have life, and live in freedom, peace and godly quietness, it is now our purpose to dedicate in this place, to the glory of God's name, and in remembrance of these his servants, these memorial windows and plaque. May God's blessing rest upon us in our service and act of dedication.

These windows in their construction will remind us also of the unmeasured sacrifice of others, our brethren across the seas, who gave their husbands and sons and daughters, their homes and their churches, in the struggle to preserve our Christian ideals of truth and justice, and to ensure to small and weak nations, the rights which under God are equally the heritage of all men. The sacrifices and sorrows of England in the years of 1939 to 1945 ought never to be forgotten. God grant that as we remember those whom we have known and loved who gave their all, we may be not unmindful of the vast throng who shared with them the cost of victory over the enemy.

Having in mind therefor those whose memory we cherish at this time and those their comrades in sacrifice whose names are unknown to us yet whose service we would also remember, let us in the act of kneeling offer up our prayers to Almighty God.

The congregation kneeling the minister shall say

O God of all the living, we thank thee for the proud memories we hold of these thy servants who, in the service of humanity have gone from this transitory life to the eternity of thy presence. May we be mindful of the precious heritage for which they died. Grant, O Lord, that we may never accept lightly this freedom which is ours, or forget



the vision to which they looked of a world of men free to live and work as sons of God, for which they paid so great a price. That which was so dearly bought, let us not cast away. Bind us we pray thee, in comradeship with them in the struggle for a better world. Uphold us, O Lord, that we may never lay down our arms or weaken in our resolve, until the day of universal right shall come, and the powers of tyranny and darkness be overcome; and give us, O Lord, at last, a place in thy Kingdom with these thy servants who have striven to do thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

While kneeling the Choir and congregation will sing the following Hymn

Hymn 209 "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labours rest,	But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,	The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
Thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.	The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia!	Alleluia!
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;	From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;	Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.	Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia!	Alleluia! Amen.

THE UNVEILING

The congregation will stand

In the faith of Jesus Christ we unveil and dedicate these windows and this plaque

"To the glory of God

and in proud remembrance of

Sgt. George Stevenson	Cpl. Wm. R. McKim
F/Sgt. Robert Goodman	Sgt. Wm. Hackett
Gordon H. Randle, R.A.F., F.C.	Capt. Robt. I. O. Stewart, M.I.D.

Who gave their lives for humanity:

1939 - 1945"

O God, the strength of those who suffer and the repose of them that triumph, we remember before thee all who have passed into the unseen, especially these whose names have just been spoken. May we have the assurance of their continued companionship with us in that realm where there is no separation, for ever and ever; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Christ, our King and Captain, we, thy followers, humbly pray thee to send thy unselfish and noble spirit into our hearts, so that we may strive day by day to copy thy example and to follow in thy footsteps until we meet thee face to face, who now liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. Amen.

O God who art the lover of justice and peace; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all who take counsel for the nations of the world, and so guide them by thy Holy Spirit, that by word and deed they may promote thy glory and set forth peace and goodwill among men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The clergy will then proceed to the sanctuary, the congregation remaining standing

Dedication of Memorial to Capt. Robert I. O. Stewart, M.I.D.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost we do receive and dedicate these collection plates to be used in the services of this church to the glory of God and in memory of Captain Robert I. O. Stewart.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

O God, the Father of us all, we give thee thanks for the life and spirit of this thy servant whom thou hast called to Higher Service. Above all we thank thee for Jesus Christ who having given the example hast led thy servant to dare the quest for righteousness, truth and justice. Grant him a place in thy near presence, that he may know the joy of that greater service where angels cease not day and night to serve thee in thy holy temple; and may the light of thy countenance ever shine upon him and give him peace both now and evermore. Amen.

**Dedication of Memorial to
Albert Grove and Sarah Emma Bright
and their son Harry**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost we do receive and dedicate this alms basin to be used in the services of this church, to the glory of God and in memory of Albert Grove and Sarah Emma Bright, and their son Harry, former members of this congregation.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

We thank thee O Lord for these thy servants: patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer, fruitful in good works, serving the Lord. Having fought the good fight and kept the faith grant to them, we beseech thee, the crown of life that fadeth not away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 632 "O Valiant Hearts"

O valiant hearts, who to your glory
came
Through dust of conflict and through
battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly vir-
tue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land
you loved.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark
and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human
clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the
self-same way.

Still stands his Cross from that
dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark
abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's
pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Cal-
varies.

These were his servants, in his steps
they trod,
Following through death the martyr-
ed Son of God:
Victor he rose; victorious too shall
rise
They who have drunk his cup of
sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O shepherd of our
dead,
Whose cross has bought them and
whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and
sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious
hand. Amen

Sermon: The Rev. Canon (Hon. Colonel) K. E. Taylor, MA., B.D., O.B.E.
(Senior Chaplain of the Canadian Forces in Northwest Europe 1944-45)
Offertory and Anthem.

*The offertory will be used to assist to meet the cost of the Memorial, and
the expenses in connection with the service.*

The Benediction.

Hymn 629 "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand"

Ten thousand times ten thousand,
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steeps of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Flung open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias
Fills all the earth and sky;
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph night!
O day, for which creation
And all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
A thousand-fold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore,
What knitting severed friendships up
(Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle
That brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate.

Bring near thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain,
Fill up the roll of thine elect,
(Then take thy power and reign:
Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven thy promised
sign;
Thou Prince and Saviour, come.
Amen.

Closing Prayer.



NOTES

The Christ Church memorial windows are made of fragments of glass from the windows of over one hundred English churches and cathedrals destroyed or damaged in air raids during the war. Our memorial therefore links our sacrifices with those of the people of England and also links our daughter church in Canada with the mother church in England from which so many of our church men and women have come.

The memorial consists of two windows in the church and two in the corridor between the church and Parish Hall.

The windows were designed and made by Cox and Barnard, stained glass artists of Hove, Sussex, England, who did the work at cost "as a token of gratitude for what our Canadian friends are doing for us."

The memorial plaque is made of oak from one of the pews of Christ Church, St. James' Park, Westminster. This church was destroyed by fire bombs during an air raid. Burning material and masonry falling upon the seats left scorches and scars still to be seen in the plaque.

The lower corner designs, the rose of England and the maple leaf need no explanation. In the upper corners — the butterfly is an ancient symbol of the resurrection, and the cross over the orb represents the ultimate triumph of Christianity over the world.

The topmost design is the blood-red cross of sacrifice obliterating the crooked cross which was the symbol of the Nazi regime.