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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
WORCESTERSHIRE.

Service of Thanksgiving
for Victory and Peace



THE PRIORY CHURCH, GREAT MALVERN,

Saturday, 27th September, 1919,
at 12.0 noon.

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At the Priory Church, Great Malvern,

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1919

At 12 noon.

Order of Service.



BRETHREN, we are gathered here to-day to thank the Most High for the Victory which He has given us and our Allies, for the Restoration of Peace, to remind ourselves with grateful hearts of His wonderful goodness to us during the time of War.

Hymn.

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

mf 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,
cr From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

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

p Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

f O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard, while troubles last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

Let us now make an acknowledgment of our many shortcomings and an offering of prayer for the guidance and protection of the Almighty in the years to come.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Architect and Ruler of the Universe at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we humbly beseech Thee to send upon us an outpouring of Thy most Holy Spirit to guide us to Thy true understanding of Thy blessing of Peace which Thou hast been graciously pleased to bestow upon us and upon our Allies. We acknowledge and bewail our sins and shortcomings by which we have grieved and offended Thee, beseeching Thee to give us grace to walk more worthily of Thy great Goodness to us, so that the rest of our lives may, in sincerity and truth, be given to Thy service, and to the temporal and spiritual welfare of our Fellow Creatures, to the Honour and Glory of Thy most Holy Name. *Amen.*

Let us pray for God's Blessing upon our Order.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who orderest all things in Heaven and Earth, we humbly implore Thee to pour down upon all the Fraternity the continual dew of Thy Blessing. May the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth be ever upheld and promoted in and through our Craft. May Prudence direct us, Temperance restrain us, Fortitude support us, and Justice be the Guide of all our actions, so that with one heart and mind we may strive together for the good of mankind and the honour and glory of Thy most Holy Name. *Amen.*

Lecture 1. ISAIAH LXIII, v 7—16.

Hymn.

mf O GOD of Jacob, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led.

Our vows, our prayers we now present
Before Thy throne of grace ;
God of our fathers, be the God
Of their succeeding race.

p Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps glide ;
Give us this day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.

cr O spread Thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace. *Amen*

Recitation.

BY THE REV. G. F. HOUGH, M.A., F. Asst. G. Chaplain, Eng.

*Brethren, let us join in an act of Praise and Thanksgiving
for the granting of Victory and the Restoration of Peace.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might, which none is able to withstand: we bless and magnify Thy great and glorious Name for the Restoration of Peace, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to Thee, who art the only Giver of Victory, and we beseech Thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy to Thy Glory, the advancement of Thy Gospel, the honour of our Sovereign and as much as lieth to the good of all mankind. And we beseech Thee give us such a sense of

this great Mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives, by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all Thy mercies, so in particular for this Victory and Deliverance, be all Glory and Honour, world without end. *Amen.*

THINE, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the Heaven and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou rulest over all: and Thine hand is power and might, and in Thine hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Brethren, before Almighty God, with gratitude and devotion let us remember all these who have given themselves to the Service of their Country.

UNTO THEE O God be praise and thanksgiving for every splendid deed of our Sailors and Soldiers—for every act of devotion of our workers at home, may Thy blessing be upon them and keep them in all their ways, more especially we praise Thee and bless Thy glorious name for all those who have been faithful unto death. Into Thy keeping we commend their souls, beseeching Thee to grant unto all of us, for whom they died, that their love and devotion may bear fruit in us in more abundant love for others for the sake of the Great Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anthem.

"EVENING AND MORNING" (*Sir H. Oakeley*).

(1830-1903).

COMES, at times, a stillness as of even,
Steeping the soul in memories of love
As when the glow is sinking out of heaven,
As when the twilight deepens in the grove.
Comes, at length, the sound of many voices,
As when the waves break lightly on the shore;
As when at dawn the feathered choir rejoices,
Singing aloud, because the night is o'er.
Comes, at times, a voice of days departed,
On the dying breath of evening home,
Sinks then the traveller faint and weary-hearted,
"Long is the way," it whispers, "and forlorn."
Comes, at last, a voice of thrilling gladness,
Borne on the breezes of the rising day:
Saying "The Lord shall make an end of sadness,"
Saying "The Lord shall wipe all tears away."

(*The Rev. Canon Gregory Smith*).

Lecture 2. WISDOM II. v 1—10.

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the service of the Most High.

O LORD Christ, thou Prince of Peace, the Faithful and True, who in righteousness dost judge and make war; Grant to us all, we beseech thee, that, putting on the whole armour of God, we may follow thee as thou goest forth conquering and to conquer; and, fighting manfully under thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil, we may be found more than conquerors, and at the last may be refreshed with the multitude of peace in the heavenly Jerusalem, the holy City of our God; whose is the greatness and the power, the victory and the majesty, for ever. *Amen.*

Let us sum up our prayers and praises in the words which our Lord himself has taught us, saying:

OUR Father, which 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.*

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

Hymn.

f **P**RAISE to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways.

mf O loving wisdom of our God,
When all was sin and shame:
cr A second Adam to the fight
f And to the rescue came.

mf O wisest love! that flesh and blood
p Which did in Adam fail,
cr Should strive afresh against the foe,
f Should strive and should prevail.

mf And that an higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood define
p God's Presence and His very Self
And Essence all-divine.

mf O generous love that He who smote
In man for man the foe ;
The double agony in man
For man should undergo.
p And in the garden secretly
And on the Cross on high,
cr Should teach His brethren to inspire,
To suffer and to die.
f Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise ;
In all His words most wonderful,
Most sure in all His ways. *Amen*

Then shall follow :-

**The Unveiling of a Tablet to the Memory of
GENERAL SIR WILLIAM CAMPBELL, K.C.B.
Provincial Grand Master of the Province of
Worcestershire from 1908 to 1918.**

O GOD of the Spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy Holy Name for thy servant William, who, having fought a good fight, has finished his course in thy faith and fear; and we beseech thee, that encouraged by his example and strengthened by his fellowship, we, with him, may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*