

KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 14 November 2021
at 10.50am

Aberdeen Universities' Officers' Training Corps (AUOTC)

Aberdeen University's OTC was formed in 1912, but had only a Medical Unit. Opposition from the local Territorial Force Association and local volunteer units, especially 4th Gordons with its strong 'University (U)' Company, had stymied a simultaneous application to form an Infantry Unit. However, a Medical Unit was a start and very appropriate, given the University's long and distinguished association with Army Medicine.

Although the OTC's students then, as is the case today, had no commitment to serve their country, quite a few of their number volunteered for service and some made the ultimate sacrifice. Their names, and many more from the University Community who died during WW1, can be found in the King's College Chapel War Memorial.

At the outbreak of the First World War, many students and staff of the University volunteered to serve, primarily with the Army, but also with the Royal Navy and the Royal Flying Corps (later the Royal Air Force). The University compiled two records after the First World War; the In Memoriam Roll, now available online, which lists information on the 342 students and staff who died during that conflict and the Roll of Service that contains the names of 2,852 graduates, alumni and students who served during the war in the army, navy or air force or who contributed to the war effort in some other manner – a fitting way to remember those students who voluntarily set aside their academic life – some for years, others for ever – in the service of their country.

Today the UOTC is part of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Group. University students participate in unique, challenging, risk-managed military exercises, adventurous training, sports and a plethora of other activities to become robust, confident and motivated leaders of the future. It is worth noting that only a very small percentage of UOTC students join the Army in any capacity, Regular or Reserve. The UOTC develops graduates who have industry-recognised Institute of Leadership and Management and Chartered Management Institute qualifications. More importantly, their practical experience in challenging circumstances enhances their employability.

Aberdeen Universities' Officers' Training Corps recruits from the University of Aberdeen, Robert Gordon University and North East Scotland College.

The music in the service is sung by the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir.

The introit is the 'Introitus' from Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Missa pro Defunctis* (*Mass for the Dead*). Born in Spain in 1548, from the 1580s Victoria worked at a convent in Madrid where he served as chaplain to the Dowager Empress Maria, sister of Philip II of Spain, daughter of Charles V, wife of Maximilian II and mother of two emperors. The *Missa pro Defunctis* was part of the *Officium Defunctorum* (*Office of the Dead*) which was composed for the funeral of the Empress Maria in 1603.

During the Act of Remembrance, a setting of the *Kyrie eleison* (*Lord, have mercy*) by American composer Nicholas Palmer will be sung. Although a contemporary piece, it has been written in a Renaissance style.

The Prayer for Peace is a setting of words from the well-known 'Prayer of St Francis'. The prayer is actually an anonymous text, written in 1912, in French, and published in a pious magazine edited by Fr Esther Bouquerel. It was attributed to St Francis of Assisi in 1927 through its having been printed on the back of a picture of the saint. The prayer became widely known here in Britain during the First and Second World Wars and has been set to music by many choral composers, including this one by Fridrik Walker, Director of Music at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow.

I give to you a new commandment is written by Peter Nardone. Having been born and brought up in Scotland, he went on to become Director of Music at both Chelmsford and Worcester Cathedrals. In the anthem he sets words from the Gospel of John along with the beautiful plainsong of *Ubi caritas* (the ancient hymn used by the Western Church on Maundy Thursday) – by doing so, the Gospel text 'I give you a new commandment that you love one another' sits alongside the beautiful plainsong which tells us that 'Where charity and love are, there God is there.'

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 10.50am the Clergy, Academic Procession and members of the Officer Training Corps and Air Squadron enter the Chapel. All stand.

All sit while the Choir sings

INTROIT

Introitus de la Missa pro Defunctis a 4: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
(Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.)*

OPENING SCRIPTURES

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3:21-23

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God;
no torment will touch them. They are at peace.

Wisdom 3:1,3

I shall not fail you nor forsake you says the Lord.

Joshua 1:5

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Psalms 46

PRAYER

Holy God, Father and Mother of all,
we offer our thanks that you love your children in life, death and beyond.
We give thanks for the freedoms in which we are privileged to live.
Especially today we remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

All stand for

THE TRYST

*The Chaplain to the University leads the Congregation in the Call to Remembrance.
The Congregation responds with the line shown in **bold**.*

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.
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

THE LAST POST

LAMENT

All remain standing for

THE SILENCE

All remain standing for

REVEILLE

All remain standing to sing

HYMN

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: Ellers

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All remain standing for

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Kyrie eleison: Nicholas Palmer

Professor George Boyne, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Brigadier (Rtd) M P Dodson MBE, Inspecting Officer and the wreath-bearers proceed to the University's War Memorial in the Antechapel.

*The Chaplain leads the Congregation in the Act of Remembrance. The Congregation responds with the words shown in **bold**.*

Let us remember the bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice of the men and women of all armed forces and peace-keeping operations.

Let us remember the commitment and endurance of those involved in conflict around the world.

Let us remember those wounded or held captive.

Let us remember those who care for the wounded.

Let us remember those who return from conflict but whose lives still bear the scars,

who lost sight or limbs or reason;

who lost faith in their God or hope for humanity.

Let us remember those who were or are seen as enemies.

May our common humanity heal our division and hate.

Let us remember the innocent victims caught in the crossfire of conflict;

whose homes may be lost and whose hearts are bereft.

Let us remember the many who have perished in war from our own schools and from this University.

Let us remember all men and women lost in war on land and at sea who may rest in graves at home or places far away

but who are not forgotten.

And let us remember the continuing grace of God

whose love holds all lives in life and death.

All remain standing for the prayer of commemoration

The Chaplain says

THE PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION

Eternal God, giver of life everlasting,
you have shown that greater love has no one
than to lay down their life for another.
And as Christ gave his life for our spiritual freedom,
we remember with thanksgiving those who have paid
with their lives for the earthly freedom we enjoy today,
and those who continue to sacrifice themselves
to do justice, resist evil, and bring peace to your world.

We commemorate and commend to you
those who lived and died in the service of others.
May these wreaths be tokens not only of our memories
but of our commitment to live lives worthy of their sacrifice,
so that we may further the cause of justice, peace and freedom in this world
and their sacrifice may not have been in vain.

Amen.

All remain standing to sing

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.

Tune: Thaxted

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

All sit

Lt Col K Badham-Thornhill, Aberdeen Universities Officers' Training Corps reads

THE FIRST LESSON

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations 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 many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
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 anymore;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
forever and ever.

Micah 4: 1-5

For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

A Prayer for Peace: Fridrik Walker

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow your love;
where there is injury, pardon.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there are seeds of doubt, let us pray for faith.*

*Where there is despair, lead us on to hope;
and where there is darkness, shed your light.*

Where lives are full of sadness, share your joy.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Amen.*

Capt J McMulkin, Royal Navy, reads

THE SECOND LESSON

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

John 15: 9-17

For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

HYMN

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

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Tune: St Anne

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

All sit

THE SERMON

The Sermon is preached by Rev (Sqn Ldr) Nicholas Hanover, RAF Lossiemouth.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

I give to you a new commandment: Peter Nardone (b1965)

*I give to you a new commandment,
a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another,
love one another as I have loved you,
as I have loved you.*

*Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*(Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.)*

Please stand for

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Chaplain recites and the Congregation responds with the line shown in **bold**.*

In the midst of hunger, violence and war
we affirm the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny
we affirm the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair
we affirm the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal
we give thanks for the promise of truth and life.
In the midst of sin and decay
we give thanks for the promise of healing and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
we give thanks for the promise of eternal love.

Please remain standing for

HYMN

'I have a dream', a man once said,
'where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
*in freedom and in love'

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

**The last line of each verse is repeated.*

Tune: Repton

Pamela J Pettitt (1954-2005)

All sit

INTERCESSION PRAYER

All say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever.
Amen.**

All stand to sing

HYMN

We turn to you, O God of every nation,
giver of good and origin of life;
your love is at the heart of all creation,
your hurt is people's pain in war and death.
Free every heart from pride and self-reliance,
our ways of thought inspire with simple grace;
break down among us barriers of defiance,
speak to the soul of all the human race.

On all who fight on earth for right relations,
we pray the light of love from hour to hour.
Grant wisdom to the leaders of the nations,
the gift of carefulness to those in power.
Teach us, good Lord, to serve the need of others,
help us to give and not to count the cost.
Unite us all to live as sisters, brothers,
defeat our Babel with your Pentecost!

Tune: Londonderry Air

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All remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**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.**

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

Grand Choeur William R Spence (1859-1939)

All remain standing as the Clergy, Academic Procession and members of the Officer Training Corps and Air Squadron leave the Chapel.

Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places until invited by the Stewards to leave.

Immediately after the service all guests are invited to view the parade and inspection.

There will be a retreat offering for the local branch of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA).

Old Aberdeen, October 1915

Mother of tree and towers and ancient ways
And home of studious peace; to whose grey Crown
Thy lads come up through these October days,
Come up again the while thy leaves fall down
Rustling about the young and eager feet,
As if the spirits of thy crowed past
Mustering on high those latest ranks to greet
Did down their ghostly salutations cast.

Ah, this October many come no more
Whose trusted faces we had looked to see.
For on the fields of Flanders or that shore
Steep and fire-swept of grim Gallipoli
They fell like leaves, innumerably fell
And though still quick and keen and fain for life,
With as ripe ease and gentleness of will,
As the sere leaf out the tempest's strife –
Ready for Depth and their young sacrifice
By faith in God, by love of home and land,
And the proud conscience of the ungrudged price
Their fathers paid at Freedom's high demand.

Through thy stripped trees trailing with the mist
The mournful music of the pipes comes creeping,
Mourn thou not those who only failed thy Tryst
Because they kept a Holier – and are keeping

George Adam Smith (1856-1942)

When you see millions of the mouthless dead

When you see millions of the mouthless dead
Across your dreams in pale battalions go,
Say not soft things as other men have said,
That you'll remember. For you need not so.
Give them not praise. For, deaf, how should they know
It is not curses heaped on each gashed head?
Nor tears. Their blind eyes see not your tears flow.
Nor honour. It is easy to be dead.
Say only this, 'they are dead.' Then add thereto,
'Yet many a better one has died before.'
Then, scanning all the o'ercrowded mass, should you
Perceive one face that you loved heretofore,
It is a spook. None wears the face you knew.
Gread death has made all his for evermore

Charles Hamilton Sorley (1895-1915)

*This Service of Remembrance has been inspired
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