

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Service
for
Remembrance Sunday
Marking the centenary of the opening of
Memorial Court

Sunday 10 November 2024
10.50 a.m.

The Dedication
Remembrance Day, 1924

Around us that Great Silence wrought its spell
Unbroken, save for just a bird's glad note,
Lovely and loud and clear,
As though there were no death for leaves that fell,
And the warm sun that thrilled its eager throat
Meant that the Spring was here.

And high above our bowed heads, for a sign,
The open Arch of Honour stood in stone,
And solemn words were said
That sealed those walls for ever as a shrine
Wherein to guard the memory of our own,
Of our immortal Dead.

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The congregation gathers around Memorial Court archway

Welcome The Dean

Psalm 67 God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
² That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.
³ Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.
⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.
⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
⁷ God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

Chant *Walter Galpin Alcock (1861–1947)*

Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Here, in the presence of God, we remember all those staff, students and Fellows of Clare College who gave their lives in the two world wars, and in subsequent conflicts, and we commit them to God's tender mercy and his loving care.

We remember, too, the 70,000 people who were injured in warfare, and who were treated in the First Eastern General Hospital, which stood on this ground.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith, for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

On behalf of the College community, a wreath is laid at the War Memorial.

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.

Words *Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

Music *Douglas Guest (1916–96)*

The beginning of the Two-minute Silence is marked by The Last Post

Silence is kept

The completion of the Silence is signalled by Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph is read:

When you go home tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Prayer

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence.
May that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen

Hymn God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save The King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The King!

Words *Anonymous*

Music arranged by *Thomas Augustine Arne (1710–78)*

The Choir leads the procession to the Avenue Gate, followed by the congregation. As the procession begins down the Avenue, 'All people that on earth do dwell' is sung.

Hymn All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words *William Ketbe (d. 1594)*

Music Old Hundredth, from *Genevan Psalter, 1551*

Reading John 15: 9–17

Here begins the ninth verse of the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John.

Jesus said: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

⁴ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Amen.

Chant adapted from *Martin Luther (1483–1546)*

Address The Dean

Anthem In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Words *John McCrae (1872–1918)*
Music *David Allen (1986)*

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers of Intercession
At the end of each petition, the congregation responds

All Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the Lord's Prayer

All **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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who 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.

Act of Commitment

Dean Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all people:
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those
working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of
the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.**

All stand

Hymn 417

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.

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.

Words *Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*
Music St. Anne, *William Croft (1678–1727)*

Blessing The Dean

Voluntary *Hommage a Langlais: Song of Peace in a Time of War* *Mary Beth Bennett (1954–)*

If leaving the Chapel before the end of the Voluntary, please do so quietly and respectfully to those staying to listen.

*The congregation is warmly invited to drinks in the Latimer Room, followed by lunch in the Great Hall
(paid for at the Buttery till for those who have not booked in advance with the Chapel Office or Development—
£7.70 Clare members, £17.75 guests).*

Please note that the use of cameras, recording equipment, video cameras and mobile phones is not permitted in Chapel.

The Revd Dr Mark Smith *Dean*
Mr Alex Macdonald *Decani Scholar*

Mr Graham Ross *Director of Music*
Daniel Blaze *Sir William McKie Senior Organ Scholar*
Evie Perfect *Junior Organ Scholar*
Harry Appleby-Taylor (Emmanuel 2023) *trumpet*