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**THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO**

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THE WHOLE EARTH IS THE SEPULCHRE OF OUR BELOVED COMRADES. THEIR SACRIFICE IS COMMEMORATED, NOT ONLY BY COLUMNS AND INSCRIPTIONS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, BUT IN FOREIGN LANDS ALSO. BY MEMORIALS INCISED NOT ON STONE, BUT GRAVEN ON THE HEARTS OF THEIR BROTHERS, WHO MOURN THEM.

*This is my Commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.  
Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

*John 15, 12*

# The Order of Service and Ceremony

The Colour Guard of Honour and the Pipe Band will parade the Colours from the Officers Club to the Chapel.

The Officiant, The Reverend Captain Royston T.S. Auelua

*When the Monsignor's procession enters the Chapel, all shall stand and sing*

The Processional Hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers, Book of Worship, No. 430.

The Pipe Major will then lead the Colours into the Chapel, when all have reached their appointed places the Choir and Congregation sing

The National Anthems The Star Spangled Banner  
God Save the Queen

The Officers of the Guard will take the salutes during the entire Service.  
At those times Military Personnel and Legionnaires will stand to attention.

*With all remaining standing the Colours are posted into their stands*

*All shall then kneel for the*

The Bidding Prayer Lt. General Stanley R. Larsen

*All shall sit for the Psalm, the Officiant will begin and the congregation will say the alternate verses*

Psalm No. 46

*Deus noster refugium*

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

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

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

There is a river the streams whereof, make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

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

The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are moved, but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of host is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither and behold the work of the Lord, what destruction He hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world, He braketh the bow and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

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

The Lord of host is with us, and 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.

- The First Lesson.            St. Matthew 5, verses 1-12.            The Honourable Ian Kinnear, CMG  
*All shall then stand and sing*
- The Office Hymn,            Abide with me,            Book of Worship, No. 153.  
*All shall then sit for*
- The Second Lesson.        St. John 15, verses 9-17.            The Honourable Geoffrey V. Brady.  
*All shall then stand and sing*
- The Sermon Hymn,        O God Our Help in Ages Past,        Book of Worship, No. 5.  
*All shall sit for*
- The Sermon                    The Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Plocki.  
     The Congregation remains seated and a corporate Act of Recollection is made,  
     during which the offerings are received and the Choir sings
- The Offertory Anthem,      For all the Saints who from their labors rest.            Williams.

### The Prayers

*All shall kneel and say together*            The Lord's Prayer.

Prayers for the President of the United States; for God's Mercy; and for Peace.

*All shall then say together, A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty, in thanksgiving  
 for the Silver Jubilee of the Queen's reign.*

Almighty God, who rulest over all the nations of the world, and dost order them, according to Thy good pleasure. We yield Thee hearty thanks, for that Thou wast pleased, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty two, to set Thy servant, the Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, upon the throne. Let Thy wisdom be her guide, and let Thine arm strengthen her; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity abound in her days. Direct all her counsels and endeavours to Thy glory and the welfare of her people; and let her always possess the hearts of her people. Let her reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*All shall remain kneeling and the Monsignor shall offer the closing prayer and pronounce*

### The Benediction

The Colour Guard of Honour will retrieve the Colours and assemble in their appointed order. With all standing the Reverend Lesley Wilder will offer the Remembrance Day Prayers.

The Last Post.                    The Bugler

A Period of Silence will be kept, in memory of our departed Comrades.

The Reveille.                    The Bugler

The Pipe Major *will then retire the Colours from the Chapel, following which the Monsignor's procession shall retire, as all sing.*

The Closing Hymn,            Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing,            Book of Worship, No. 73.



The Commonwealth Consuls General together with the Commonwealth Societies of Northern California, desire to place upon record, their most sincere appreciation and gratitude to Colonel John D. Hamilton Sr. and to all who made this Service of prayerful remembrance possible.

### The Participants

Presiding and Preacher ..... The Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Plocki, *Chaplain*  
The Presidio of San Francisco

Officiant ..... The Reverend Captain Royston T.S. Auelua, *Chaplain*,  
The Royal British Legion

The Reverend Lesley Wilder ..... Rector, St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Walter K. Sauer ..... The Presidio

Chaplain Major Harold L. Mills ..... The Presidio

The Reverend Austin Day ..... Rector, Christ Church St. Lawrence, Sydney

Lieutenant General Stanley R. Larsen ..... President, The Royal British Legion

The Honourable Ian Kinnear, CMG ..... The British Consul General

The Honourable Geoffrey V. Brady ..... The Australian Consul General

The Honourable Dennis Butler ..... Vice Consul of Canada

The Colour Guards of Honour ..... The Royal British Legion  
The Royal Canadian Legion  
The Caledonian Club of San Francisco  
The Royal Air Forces Association  
The Polish Veterans of World War II

Officer of the Guard ..... Commander Stanley G. Strain

Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Roberts Gray

The Musicians ..... The Black Raven Pipe Band of the Royal British Legion  
Pipe Major William Stewart Cathro  
The Choir of the Presidio  
Master of the Choristers, Mr. Richard Grant  
Organist, Mr. Dennis Johnson  
The Bugler, the Band of the Sixth United States Army.

### In Flanders Fields

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.

The offertory will be donated to the Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal

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