

ORDER OF SERVICE
ANGLO-BELGIAN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 11:00



AIR FORCE CHAPEL
NATIONAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART,
KOEKELBERG, BRUSSELS



BELGIAN BRANCH

From 10:30 - **ARRIVAL AT BASILICA** (Entrance Number 6)

Music provided by The Royal Symphonic Band of The Belgian Air Force
under conductor Captain Matty Cilissen,
with a Brussels Choir led by Paddy Latham.

Guests are invited to be seated in the North Transept by 10:50

11:00 - **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

All Stand

Entry of Principal Military Guests

Air Marshal Sir Christopher Harper KBE RAF
Director General International Military Staff NATO HQ

General Gérard Van Caelenberge
Aide-de-Camp to the King, Belgian Chief of Defence

Colonel Bernard Masuy
15th Air Transport Wing Melsbroek Base Commander

Colonel Georges Dejaeger
1st Wing Beauvechain Base Commander

Colonel Michel Colles
2nd Tactical Wing Florennes Base Commander

Officials of the Service:

Rev (Wg Cdr) I Andrew Jones RAF – Chaplain SHAPE

Father W Peeters - Honorary Chaplain RAFA Belgian Branch

Entry and Presentation of Standards

Opening Hymn – Lord of the Universe and Space

Lord of the Universe and Space
Creator of the human race,
Whose stars took place within Your plan
Before our time on earth began.
Be with us, Father, as we rise
To brave the challenge of the skies

Lord of the Heavens, by Whose might
Mankind has learned the skill of flight,
To span the world from land to land
Released from earth's restraining hand,
Be with us, Father, as we rise
To brave the challenge of the skies

Through sunlit days and darkest night,
We dare to face the risks of flight.
In speeding craft we soar to fly
On hidden highways in the sky.
Be with us, Father, as we rise
To brave the challenge of the skies

We thank You, Father, for the days
Of golden dawns and sunsets' rays
Accept our praise, O Lord we pray
And guide us on Your chosen way.
Be with us, Father, as we rise
To brave the challenge of the skies

Please be seated for Introduction and Welcome

Reverend (Wg Cdr) I Andrew Jones RAF

ACT OF PENITENCE

RAF Chaplain: Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world: its pride, its selfishness, its greed, its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our sins, our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

All: God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Revelation 21 v.1-7

Sermon – Reverend (Wg Cdr) I Andrew Jones RAF

Orchestral Reflection

ACT OF COMMEMORATION

Introduction – Air Marshal Sir Christopher Harper KBE RAF

Blessing of Plaque - Reverend (Wg Cdr) I Andrew Jones RAF

Response – Colonel Bernard Masuy, Base Commander Melsbroek

All Stand for the Hymn – God is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
Within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of His deeds all powerful;
wars will cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

All remain standing for:

RAFA Dedication - Father Peeters – Branch Honorary Chaplain

In Friendship and in service one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all Nations who died in the Royal Air Force and in the Air Forces of the Commonwealth. In their name we give ourselves to this noble cause. Proudly and thankfully we will remember them.

Exhortation – Mr Bobby Laumans

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.

All: **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

The Silence

Kohima Epitaph – Mr Léon Rubin

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

The Reveille

Please be seated for the Laying of Wreaths

All Stand for the Offertory Hymn – the collection from which will be given to the National Basilica.

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

Beneath 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,
Will bear us all away;
We fade and vanish, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

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

In Memoriam – Father Peeters – Branch Honorary Chaplain

Please be seated for the Prayers led by RAF Chaplain.

After each prayer, all respond: Thanks be to God.

All: The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in Heaven...

Anthem by the Choir: 'The Lord is my Shepherd' – Crimond

All Stand for:

ACT OF RE-DEDICATION

RAF Chaplain: Let us rededicate ourselves to building a world in which there is justice and peace for all, and where men, women and children live a life of full human dignity.

All:

LORD God our Father, we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all people
in the cause of justice and peace,
and for the relief of want and suffering.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom, courage, vision, and hope;
and keep us faithful to our calling now and always,
for the honour of your name. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RAF Chaplain:

God grant to the living, grace,
to the departed, rest
to the Church, the State
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all
and remain with you always.

Amen

National Anthems

United Kingdom

Belgium

March Off Standards

Please be seated for the departure of Principal Guests.

After the Service: Reception for all attendees in the South Transept

13:00 – Lunch in the Basilica Basement Restaurant (Advance booking required)