

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

The Funeral Service

OF

THE LATE

THOMAS HARDY, O.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1928.

2 P.M.

*Before the Service.*

CHORAL PRELUDES ... .. *J. S. Bach*  
REQUIEM AETERNAM ... .. *Basil Harwood*

## Order of Service.

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### THE SENTENCES.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.  
*St. John xi. 25, 26.*

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God : whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job xix. 25, 26, 27.*

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away ; blessed be the name of the Lord.  
*I Tim. vi. 7. Job i. 21.*

PSALM XXIII. *Dominus regit me.*

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 LESSON.

Ecclesiasticus xlv. 1-15.

LET us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring

prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

*During the procession of the Clergy and the Mourners to the Grave, the following Anthem will be sung, the congregation remaining in their places.*

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. (S. S. Wesley.)

*Then shall be said :*

**M**AN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower ; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death : of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased ?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer ; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

*Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the body by some standing by, the Dean shall say :*

**F**ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear brother here departed, we therefore commit his body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust ; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

*Then shall be sung the following :*

**I** HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write,  
From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the  
Lord : Even so saith the Spirit ; for they rest from their  
labours. (*Goss.*)

*Then the Precentor shall say :*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR 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. Amen.

**A**Lmighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them  
that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the  
souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden  
of the flesh, are in joy and felicity : We give thee hearty  
thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our  
brother out of the miseries of this sinful world ; beseeching  
thee that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly  
to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy  
kingdom ; that we, with all those that are departed in the  
true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect con-  
summation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal  
and everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us (by his holy Apostle Saint Paul) not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother doth; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

#### HYMN.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead Thou me on.  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.  
I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead Thou me on.  
I loved the garish day, and, spite the fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
Will lead me on,  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone ;  
And with the morn those Angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile. 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.*

THE NUNC DIMITTIS.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the  
glory of thy people Israel.

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 BLESSING.

THE DEAD MARCH IN SAUL ... .. *Handel.*

*The public are requested not to leave their places until the  
Choir and Clergy have left the Abbey Church.*