

SUTTON COLDFIELD PARISH CHURCH

Memorial Service

for

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill

K.G., P.C., O.M., C.H.

1874—1965

Sunday, January 31st, 1965
at 3-15 p.m.

The Revd. Canon J. H. BOGGON, M.A.,
Rector

Order of Service

When the Congregation is assembled, the Choir, at the west end of the Church, will sing (the Congregation standing):

CONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED

Russian Traditional

As Clergy and Choir proceed to the east end the Minister shall say:

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.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PSALM 23

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.*

LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 44, verses 1-4, 6-15

Read by the MAYOR, Councillor C. F. BEAUMONT-EDMONDS, M.C., J.P.

ADDRESS

The Reverend DONALD LEE, M.B.E., B.D.,
Sutton Methodist Church

HYMN

ONCE to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight—
And the choice goes by for ever
'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong—
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

PRAYERS

O GOD of our fathers, we offer Thee our heartfelt thanks and praise for all Thy mercies to our nation: for the devoted lives of rulers and lawgivers, who have made this people great and free: and, at this time, we thank Thee for Thy servant, Winston Spencer Churchill; for his great gifts of vision, wisdom and courage; for his words and example which gave heart to our people in their darkest hour. And, as we thank Thee for his life, so we commend his soul to Thy gracious keeping, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray Thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on Thee, they may know the consolation of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All:

OUR 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: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *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.*

HYMN

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,
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.

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant to us and those we love, safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING