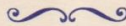




No. 1 RADIO SCHOOL
ROYAL AIR FORCE, LOCKING



FAREWELL SERVICE

for the
Senior Entry
of Aircraft Apprentices

INTRODUCTION

Beloved in Christ, we are gathered together in the sight of God and of the whole company of Heaven to offer unto Him our praise and thanksgiving ; and to commend to his merciful providence our brethren of the Senior Entry of Aircraft Apprentices as they go forth from this place to serve their God, Queen and Country in the wider fellowship of the Royal Air Force. Let us entrust them, in our opening hymn, to the care of their Heavenly Father, with the prayer that they may prove themselves valiant for truth, constant in service, and dauntless in adversity, and at the last inherit Life Eternal.

THE PILGRIM SONG

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| 1. He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim. | 2. Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight :
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim. |
| 3. Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away !
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim. | |
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THE LESSON

HYMN

1. Thy Hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age ;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page ;
Our fathers own'd Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record ;
And both of this bear witness :
One Church, One Faith, one
Lord.
2. Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the Nation's life.
Their Gospel of Redemption,
Sin pardon'd, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded :
One Church, one Faith, one
Lord.
3. Thy Mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone ;
With thy right Hand to help us,
The Victory shall be won ;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem :
One Church, one Faith, one
Lord.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

Chaplain : The Lord be with you ;
Congregation : And with thy spirit.
Chaplain : Let us pray.
Chaplain : Lord, have mercy upon us ;
Congregation : Christ have mercy upon us ;
Chaplain : Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said by all)

Chaplain : O Lord, save thy servants ;
Congregation : Who put their trust in thee.
Chaplain : O Lord, send them help from above ;
Congregation : And evermore mightily defend them.
Chaplain : Be unto them a tower of strength ;
Congregation : From the face of their enemy.
Chaplain : O Lord, hear our prayer ;
Congregation : And let our cry come unto Thee.
Chaplain : Let us pray.

(Here shall follow the Special Prayers)

HYMN

1. Oft in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthen'd with the Bread of Life.
2. Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?
3. Let not sorrow dim your eye;
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede;
Great your strength, if great
your need.
4. Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long:
Soon shall victory wake your song.
5. Onward then in battle move;
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go!

THE SERMON

HYMN

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve;
May Thy children
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.
2. Bless Thou all our days of leisure;
Help us selfish lures to flee;
Sanctify our every pleasure;
Pure and blameless may it be;
May our gladness
Draw us evermore to Thee.
3. By Thy kindly influence cherish
All the good we here have gain'd;
May all taint of evil perish
By Thy mightier power restrain'd;
Seek we ever
Knowledge pure and love unfeign'd.
4. Let Thy Father-hand be shielding
All who here shall meet no more;
May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store;
Those returning
Make more faithful than before.

THE BLESSING

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