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MEMORIAL SERVICE
for the late General of the Army

Dwight David Eisenhower
34th President of the United States of America

The Church of St.-Boniface
Antwerp
on Thursday, 10th April 1969
at 12.00 hours
The Order of Service

The Sentences

The 1st Lesson - Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44, verses 1-15,

read by the Revd. Prebendary J.E.G.T. WILLIAMS, O.B.E.,
Rural Dean of Belgium, St. Boniface's Church.

Psalm 23 (Metrical Version)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green : he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness.
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale.
Yet will fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

The 2nd Lesson - The Revelation of St. John the Divine,

Chapter 21, verses 1-7

read by Mr. CHARLES THOMAS,
Consul-General of The United States of America.

Prayers

The Revd. LAWRENCE DALTON, Missions to Seamen, Antwerp.
The Revd. JOHN MORGAN, Chaplain to the Forces.
Hymn

ONWARD, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ the Royal Master
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, his banners go:
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Crowsns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
Gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail:
Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Onward, then ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud and honour
Unto Christ the King:
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing:
Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Address

The Revd. Dr. GILBERT T. BREMIKER,
American Protestant Church of Antwerp.

Hymn

A MIGHTY fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.
Address
Mr. JEAN de CRANE d'HEYSSELAER,
Past President, American Belgian Association

Hymn
NOW thank we all our God,
   With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
   In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
   And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
   Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
   And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
   And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
   In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
   The Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns,
   With Them in highest Heaven.
The One Eternal God,
   Whom earth and Heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now
   And shall be evermore.

The Blessing

The Belgian National Anthem.
The American National Anthem.
The great sorrow, which we all feel by the loss of dear General Eisenhower, afflicts deeply all those that have known him through the war, and highly esteemed and praised him.

Many times did we appreciate his qualities, from his boyhood to the time that he became a 5-star general in the United States Army. What a brilliant career that was!

In March 1943 General Marshall sent Ike to Europe and at the end of November of that year Ike set his headquarters on this side of the Atlantic, that is when President Roosevelt, finding him young and energetic, made the public announcement of his new title: "Supreme Commander of Allied Expeditionary Forces".

After the African campaign and the Italian campaign, came the time to liberate the Western allied countries. Ike came with his will well determined to come to peace by arm victory.

His task was enormous, but he could choose the right men and put them in the right place, that was one of his talents. He coordinated every movement and took the responsibility of the unique command.

He crystallized in himself the essentials which made the Western Alliance workable, until the great day that we were all hoping for.

He made the decision in June 1944 to attack and give assault to the European fortress.

From his subordinates he expected the spirit of decision, the taste of responsibilities, the refusal to accept a drawback.

He was optimistic in every move he carried out.

Then came the victory which liberated our country, like the western part of Europe.

Ike was always ready to share with others the credit for victory.

He was generous of character, he was before anything else a man and a great soldier, he felt that the life of men meant more than their sacrifice.
On this 20th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty, all of us know what considerable attention General Eisenhower gave to this organisation, which was established to preserve the free world from any further assault, and to maintain the fruit of victory, freedom and peace.

We must not forget it, nor do we have to forget the primary roll that the U.S.A. plaid in this victory.

May the present generation and those to come and to come later, remember what Ike was and is still to-day for us.

May his memory never perish ...