

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

BRENT SCOWCROFT

MARCH 19, 1925 – AUGUST 6, 2020

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

AT NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

MEMORIAL CHAPEL
FORT MYER, VIRGINIA



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand where indicated

PRELUDE

Dr. Kimberly Hess
Ceremonial Organist
Arlington National Cemetery

*PROCESSIONAL

Air Force Hymn
Lord Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces of the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In dark'ning storms or sunshine fair.

Thou who dost keep with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight,
Thou of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having thee, they know no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit
What time, adventuring, they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space,
Uphold them with Thy saving grace.
O God, protect the men who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky.

*INVOCATION & GREETING

Chaplain, Major Keith A. Manry
United States Air Force

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Ms. Sheri Piergeorge

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,
“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TRIBUTES

Robert M. Gates
Stephen J. Hadley

HYMN OF REFLECTION

America the Beautiful
TSgt Katie Baughman
United States Air Force

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

TRIBUTES

Henry A. Kissinger (Read by James L. Jones)
Richard N. Haass
Virginia A. Mulberger

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 3-10

Mrs. Catie Hinckley Kelley

Jesus said:

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Amazing Grace
Adiza Jabril

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see
T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home,
And grace will lead us home
Amazing grace, Howe Sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
T'was blind but now I see
Was blind, but now I see.

HOMILY

Chaplain, Major Keith A. Manry
United States Air Force

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION
& BENEDICTION

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* RECESSIONAL

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Dr. Kimberly Hess
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*Thank you to the men and women of the
United States Armed Forces who assisted with the planning
and implementation of today's service.*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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What can you say of a man who is wise
Who presidents, kings, and we citizens prize?
For his wisdom and judgment that through clear lucid eyes
Gives advice upon which the whole Nation relies.

What can you say of a man who is brave
Who has served this great Nation in numberless ways?
From his days at West Point to the most recent days
He says what he thinks, seeks not favor or praise.

What can you say of a man who is kind
Who keeps others' feelings forever in mind?
For all who have known him, one day or another
Have felt this man's love, like a friend or a father.

What can you say of a man who is modest?
Though soundest his counsel is seldom the loudest;
He listens to all, then sans fanfare or screed,
In a few words dispenses the answers we need.

What can you say of an intellect keen,
Whose strategic perspective has rarely been seen?
In a Nation of thinkers, and wise men, and sages
We know he'll be honored, from now through the ages.

What can you say of a man of this bent?
In service of others his whole life he's spent
Building bridges, security, prosperity, lent
Every fiber to country,
Well, let's just call him "Brent".

With the greatest respect, affection, and admiration,

Dan Poneman

*Written for and presented on Brent's 90th birthday.

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.”

President Dwight David Eisenhower

**In 1947, then General Eisenhower presented Brent with his diploma upon graduation from West Point. President Eisenhower remained Brent's hero throughout his life.*

“Leadership consists of nothing but taking responsibility for everything that goes wrong and giving your subordinates credit for everything that goes well.”

President Dwight David Eisenhower

“Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends.”

William Butler Yeats

**Brent's favorite and frequently used quote.*

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25: 21