



United Thanksgiving Service

— AT —

Wesley Methodist Church,
Cotubridge.

“Battle of Britain” Sunday

26th September, 1943, at 11.0 a.m.

Mayor:

Alderman L. S. Rowsell, J.P.

Mayor's Chaplain:

The Rev. John Skidmore, B.A.

Order of Service.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

INVOCATION.

LORD'S PRAYER (repeated).

Hymn No. 2.

ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth
tell,

Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The LORD, ye know, is GOD indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the LORD our GOD is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

LESSON : by Rev. B. T. Roberts.
PSALM 46.

SOLO : " My Task " Mr. E. Whone.

Hymn No. 10.

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

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 perplexed,
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.

Amen.

PRAYERS : Rev. Emrys Davies.

Hymn No. 914.

*A Prayer for Cowbridge Members of
H.M. Forces.*

GOD be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you :
God be with you till we meet again.

*Till we meet, Till we meet
Till we meet at Jesu's feet
Till we meet, Till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide
you,

Daily manna still provide you :
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound
you,

Put His arms unfailing round you :
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave
before you :
God be with you till we meet again.

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Hymn No. 615.

GUIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand :
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through :
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside !
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

SERMON : Rev. John Skidmore.
Micah vi, 8.

Hymn No. 821.

STAND up, stand up for Jesus !
Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus !
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day !
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus !
Stand in His strength alone :
The arm of flesh will fail you;
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Christian's armour,
And watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus !
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

BENEDICTION.