

In Memory of Those Gone Before
(Memorial Service - By Bessie Bisset)

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10 Officers take part, including Matron and Chaplain. Each remains in her own station. Lights should be dimmed. After the vocal music, Organist continues a few bars of music while the Chaplain goes to the Altar. This is also done after the prayer while Chaplain returns to her station.

MATRON: We dedicate this evening and pay tribute to those called to that beautiful Beyond—that blessed place toward which we all strive. Tonight we bring messages of comfort about this promised life to which some of our loved ones have already gone. "Let not your heart be troubled." (John 14:1)

2ND VOICE: "In the beginning God created Heaven and Earth." (Gen.1:1)
"And God made the firmament and God called the firmament Heaven."
(Gen.1:7-8)

3RD VOICE: "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you." (John 14:3)

4TH VOICE: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."
(John 14:3)

5TH VOICE: "Blessed are they, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev.14:13)

6TH VOICE: "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:4)

7TH VOICE: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."
(Rom.8:18)

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8TH VOICE: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven (Rev.21:1-2)

9TH VOICE: "And the city had no need of the sun,neither of the moon,to shine in it; for the glory of God did Lighten it." (Rev.21:23)

Vocal Music-(In the garden or Beyond the sunset)

Chaplain goes to Altar.)

Chaplain: Dear God, Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens, wilt Thou guide us and afterward receive us in glory. Help us to develop so that we may be ready to join our loved ones, and, returning to Thee, be made complete. In Thy name, dear God. Amen.