

Pray for a new world.

**O** MOST HOLY Spirit of God, from whom alone floweth the fulness of wisdom and life: Come in thine everlasting power and glory upon thy Church and into the hearts of men, to bring to the world a new birth of holiness, new understandings of truth and new unity in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and with thee liveth and reigneth, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us now make together our resolve to our Father in heaven.

¶ *Then shall be said by the Minister and people together, line by line,*

**O** LORD GOD, we acknowledge thee as our Father:  
ourselves as thy children:  
our neighbours as our brethren:

And we dedicate to thy obedience:  
and to their service:  
our hearts and minds, our wills and works:

Resolved to stand fast in thy faith:  
to seek the help of thy Holy Spirit:  
and to do battle for thy perfect Kingdom:  
In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O**UR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done: In earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Finally, in the hour of rejoicing let us silently remember all those for whom the end of war is not the end of suffering.

¶ *At the end of the silence the Minister shall say,*

The Lord be mindful of them and bless them.

¶ *Then shall the congregation stand, and there shall be sung TE DEUM LAUDAMUS, or this*

#### HYMN

"Old Hundredth"

Before th'almighty Father's throne,  
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
Know that the Lord is God alone;  
He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign power, without our aid,  
Made us of clay, and formed us men;  
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,  
He brought us to his fold again.

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs;  
High as the heavens our voices raise;  
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is thy command;  
Vast as eternity thy love;  
Firm as a rock thy truth shall stand,  
When rolling years shall cease to move.

#### THE BLESSING

¶ *Let each one go forth from this thanksgiving to practise his dedication, advancing in the service of God, and making by his daily work and life an offering to the Creator for the new creation: to the praise of his holy Name and the good of all.*

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# THANKSGIVING FOR VICTORY

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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¶ *The Clergy and choir having taken their places, the congregation shall stand and sing the first verse of*

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

¶ *The congregation still standing, the Minister shall say*

#### THE BIDDING

BRETHREN, we are met together on this day to pour out our hearts in fervent thanksgiving to the God and Father of us all, and to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of his Kingdom. We desire to thank him for deliverance from the hand of our enemies; for the devotion, even to death, of those who for the five years past have stood between us and slavery; and for the hopes of a better world for all his people. I bid you, therefore, lift up your hearts that you may tell the praises of our God, and pray that his wisdom may lead us, and his Spirit strengthen us, in the days that are to come.

*Minister* Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us;

*People* but unto thy Name give the praise.

*Minister* The Lord hath done great things for us already:

*People* whereof we rejoice.

*Minister* Praise the Lord, O my soul:

*People* and forget not all his benefits.

#### HYMN

"Praise my Soul"

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.

Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him still the same for ever,

Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
We'll our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore him;

Ye behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him;

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*  
Now bless the Lord your God.

¶ *Then, the congregation having knelt down, shall be said*

#### THE THANKSGIVINGS

*Minister* We give thanks to thee, O Lord our Father:  
For the call to do battle for the right,

For the unity of nation and empire,  
For the maintenance of faith and hope in the darkest days,

*People* We thank thee, O Lord.

## The beginning of the everlasting Gospel of Peace.

And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

## HYMN

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,  
His will obey, him serve aright;  
For these the saints uplift their voice:  
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
Yea, love with thee shall make his home  
Until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold;  
Remember thou his love of old;  
Walk in his way, his word adore,  
And keep his truth for evermore.

¶ Here may follow

## THE ADDRESS

¶ Then shall the people kneel; and the Minister, from the pulpit, shall call them to

## SOLEMN DEDICATION

Let us, as our best and only worthy thanksgiving, lay our lives before God in penitence for the past and resolve for the future, and dedicate ourselves anew to his service;

Minister Thus we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:

People might serve him without fear.

Minister In holiness and righteousness before him:

People all the days of our life.

Minister Let us confess our forgetfulness of God, and our share of the sin that brought catastrophe upon the world.

¶ Then shall all say together,

ALMIGHTY GOD, long-suffering and of great goodness; We confess to thee, we confess with our whole heart: our neglect and forgetfulness of thy commandments: our wrong doings, speaking, and thinking; the hurts we have done to others; and the good we have left undone: O God, forgive thy people that have sinned against thee: and blot out all our transgressions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Minister

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray now for a true and lasting peace.

ETERNAL GOD, in whose Kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: We pray thee so mightily to shed and spread abroad thy Spirit, that all peoples and nations may be gathered under one banner, of the Prince of Peace; as children of one God and Father of all; to whom be the dominion and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Minister For the trust and cooperation between the allied nations,  
For the mighty help of Russia and the United States of America,  
For the wholehearted loyalty of the Dominion and Colonies,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

Minister For our King and Queen,  
For the gift of great leaders,  
For the ready sacrifice of the whole people,  
For all who endured bravely in pain and loss,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

Minister For all who have laid down their lives that we might be free,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

(Here shall be made a pause for silent remembrance of the fallen)

Minister For the daring and endurance of our navies,  
For the resolute bravery of our armies,  
For the skill and determination of our sirmen,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

Minister For the devotion of doctors, nurses, and chaplains,  
For the protectors of our homes,  
For all who have laboured to provide food and the tools of war,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

Minister For thy sustaining power through toil and fear, agonies and most instant perils,  
For the issue awarded upon thy eternal judgment,  
For the promise of peace,

People We thank thee, O Lord.

Minister For these and all other blessings from the hand of God, let us give thanks in the words of the ancient psalm:

¶ Then, all standing, shall be said these verses of

## PSALM 135

Minister O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister O thank the Lord of all lands:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister Who only doeth great wonders:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister Who remembered us when we were in trouble:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister And hath delivered us from our enemies:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister O give thanks unto the God of heaven:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:

People for his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ And all shall sing,

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.