

ORDER OF SERVICE

for

Seeking the Blessing of Almighty God

upon the Commissioning of

Her Majesty's Submarine

AENEAS.



Portsmouth.

Tuesday, 27th September, 1955.

Order of Service.

THE BIDDING.

The Captain will call on the Ship's Company to ask for God's blessing on the ship, using this ancient bidding :

- The Captain :* I call on you to pray for God's blessing on this ship. Bless our ship.
Ship's Company : May God the Father bless her.
The Captain : Bless our ship.
Ship's Company : May Jesus Christ bless her.
The Captain : Bless our ship.
Ship's Company : May the Holy Spirit bless her.
The Captain : What do ye fear, seeing that God the Father is with you ?
Ship's Company : We fear nothing.
The Captain : What do ye fear, seeing that God the Son is with you ?
Ship's Company : We fear nothing.
The Captain : What do ye fear, seeing that God the Holy Spirit is with you ?
Ship's Company : We fear nothing.

HYMN.

LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us	Saviour ! breathe forgiveness o'er us,
O'er the world's tempestuous sea ;	All our weakness thou dost know,
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,	Thou didst tread this earth before us,
For we have no help but thee ;	Thou didst feel its keenest woe ;
Yet possessing every blessing	Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
If our God our Father be.	Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy :
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy !

THE LESSON.

They that go down to the sea in ships : and occupy their business in great waters ;
These men see the works of the Lord : and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth : which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep : their soul melteth away
because of the trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wits' end.
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivereth them out of their distress.
For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad, because they are at rest : and so he bringeth them unto the haven where
they would be.
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that
he doeth for the children of men !
Whoso is wise will ponder these things : and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the
Lord.

“ Thanks be to God.”

Let us pray for God's blessing upon this ship and upon all who serve in her now and hereafter.

O Thou that sittest above the water floods and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech Thee, the prayers of Thy servants for all who in this ship, now and hereafter shall commit their lives to the perils of the deep. Grant that they may never forget that as followers of Christ they are the observed of all men, and that their failures may cause others to stumble, that in a measure God places His honour in their hands. Help them that they may be true and loyal to the best and highest that they know. Grant to them the royal gift of courage that they may do their every duty with cheerfulness and zeal. Give unto them a keen sense of honour, that they may never give themselves the benefit of the doubt, and they may be specially just to those they find it hard to like. And finally grant them a true sense of humour ; may its kindly light and its healing power relax life's tension. All this, O God, we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be said together.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest ;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing that we do Thy Will. Amen.

Let us pray for our Homes and all who are near and dear to us.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who hath bestowed upon us the blessing of relatives and friends, look down in love upon those near and dear to us. Protect and keep them from all harm ; prosper and bless them in all things good ; suffer them never to be lonely, unhappy, nor troubled ; ~~let no shadow come between them and us to divide our hearts, and in Thine own~~ good time bring us home to them again ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us now join together in saying the prayer which Christ Himself has taught us, saying :—

Our 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.

THE NAVAL PRAYER.

Then shall be sung :—

HYMN.

ETERNAL Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep :

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep :

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace :

O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour ;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go :

And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Amen.

THE BLESSING.

H.M.S. AENEAS.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER I. W. MARCHANT.

LIEUTENANT W. H. REYNOLDS.

LIEUTENANT P. J. RUGG.

LIEUTENANT A. F. HOSIE.

SUB-LIEUTENANT J. V. SPRAGUE.

SUB-LIEUTENANT K. HARKNESS.

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Chief Engine Room Artificer J. WALFORD.
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Engine Room Artificer W. BLAKE.
Engine Room Artificer G. MAYFIELD.
Engine Room Artificer R. COLLINS.
Engine Room Artificer D. CONNOR.

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Petty Officer Telegraphist F. GOODHALL.
Electrical Artificer D. DAVIES.
Petty Officer R. SMITH.
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Petty Officer Engineering Mechanic N. FLECKNELL.

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Leading Seaman P. BRAMWELL.
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Leading Telegraphist T. MAGUIRE.
Leading Radio Electrical Mechanic R. WAYE.
Leading Seaman T. TAYLOR.

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Leading Engineering Mechanic C. HATTON.
Leading Engineering Mechanic W. LOCKE.
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Able Seaman W. DOUBLE.
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Telegraphist B. HEYS.
Able Seaman N. HILES.
Able Seaman W. HOGG.
Able Seaman E. HUGHES.
Electrical Mechanic B. JONES.
Able Seaman F. MCGRATH.
Cook R. PHILIPS.
Able Seaman K. PIPER.
Able Seaman W. RUTHERFORD.
Able Seaman J. SHOESMITH.
Able Seaman D. SPITTLES.
Electrical Mechanic T. WALTERS.
Able Seaman V. YOUNG.

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Engineering Mechanic K. FULLER.
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Engineering Mechanic S. MALCOLM.
Engineering Mechanic G. MARRABLE.
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Engineering Mechanic B. WISE.