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THE PAYING OFF CEREMONY
FOR
H.M.C.S. ONTARIO



AT H.M.C. DOCKYARD
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

15 OCTOBER, 1958.

P R O G R A M M E

- 1100 CEREMONIAL RECEPTION OF THE
FLAG OFFICER PACIFIC COAST
- 1104 ADDRESS BY
FLAG OFFICER PACIFIC COAST
- 1109 RELIGIOUS CEREMONY
- 1121 SIGNING OVER OF THE SHIP BY THE
COMMANDING OFFICER TO THE
COMMODORE SUPERINTENDENT PACIFIC
COAST
- 1123 ENSIGN LOWERED, BAND PLAYS 'O CANADA'
AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
- 1125 FLAG OFFICER PACIFIC COAST DEPARTS
SHIP

PROTESTANT SERVICE

HYMN

O FATHER, KING OF EARTH AND SEA,
THIS SHIP WAS SANCTIFIED TO THEE;
IN FAITH WE SENT HER ON HER WAY,
IN FAITH TO THEE WE HUMBLY PRAYED:
THOU HEARDEST FROM HEAVEN OUR SAILOR'S CRY
TO WATCH AND GUARD HER FROM ON HIGH.

WHEN DUTY CALLED TO RISKS UNKNOWN,
WHERE HELP MUST COME FROM THEE ALONE,
THOU DIDST PROTECT HER FROM ALL ILL
AND FROM THE STORMS, WHICH THOU DIDST STILL:
THOU HEARDEST FROM HEAVEN OUR SAILOR'S CRY
AND IN THEIR PERIL THOU WAST NIGH.

AND NOW AT LENGTH HER COURSE IS RUN,
HER WORK FOR HOME AND COUNTRY DONE;
OF ALL THE SOULS THAT IN HER SAILED
LET NOT ONE LIFE IN THEE HAVE FAILED:
BUT HEAR FROM HEAVEN OUR SAILOR'S CRY
AND GRANT ETERNAL LIFE ON HIGH.

AMEN.

PSALM 107 (VERSES 23-31, 43)

23. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24. These see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.
25. For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths;
27. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.
28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.
29. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.
30. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
43. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

PRAYER

O God our Father, glorious in holiness and power;
O Jesus Christ our Saviour, master of the sea and
Lord of Life;

O Holy Spirit our Guide and Comforter, whose work
in our hearts dost move us to prayer and
acknowledgement of our dependence on
Divine Grace;

We praise Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; One
God, for all evidences of Divine direction
and providence, by which the lives of men
are governed and guarded.

We especially remember at this time all manifestations of the Spirit evidenced in the life and legacy of this ship which at its commissioning was blest in Thy name, and through its years made place for congenial companionship, devotion to duty, honourable heritage and worthy witness in the lives of the men who served herein.

For all mercies known and unknown, open or secret, remembered or forgotten; for consummate courage in the face of difficulties and dangers, steady faith in the midst of provocation, glad trust in Thy unfailing love and care; for peaceful journeyings and safe have; for all temporal blessings, Divine comforts and eternal hopes--we praise and glorify Thy name, O God.

May present concerns be strengthened by the sure knowledge of faithfulness achieving fulfilment of purpose, and life realizing its highest destiny in obedience to Thy will done on earth as it is in heaven. Help us ever to be mindful of these benefaction of the Spirit which shine out of past sacrifices and service to enrich present undertakings and enlarge future endeavours.

Keep us in Thy love and the certainty of Thy unfailing goodness, made known in Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN

THE GRACE

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE

1. In thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings this ship has received and the benefit it has been to us all, the Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving, "TE DEUM", will be recited:

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth does worship Thee: the Father everlasting.
To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious choir of the Apostles,
The admirable company of Prophets,
The white-robed army of Martyrs praise Thee.
The Holy Church throughout the world doth acknowledge Thee,
The Father of infinite majesty.

The adorable, true and only Son;
The Holy Ghost, also the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou didst take upon thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sting of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge.
We pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in everlasting glory.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we bless Thee.

And we praise Thy name for ever, yea for ever and ever.

Deign, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be shown to us, as we have hoped in Thee.

In Thee have I hoped, O Lord: I shall not be confounded forever.

2. Psalm 129 follows, for the repose of the souls of departed shipmates who served in her:

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord:
Lord, hear my prayer.
Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my
supplication.
If thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities; Lord,
who shall endure it?
For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness:
and by reason of Thy law I have waited for
Thee, O Lord.
My soul hath relied upon his word: my soul hath
hoped in the Lord.
From the morning watch even until night, Let
Israel hope in the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with
him plentiful redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his
iniquities.

PRAYER

O God, Creator and Redeemer, grant to the
souls of Thy servants departed the remission
of all their sins; that through our Pious
Supplications they may receive the pardon
they have always desired; through Jesus
Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN

THE BLESSING