

# FORMS OF THANKSGIVING

TO

## ALMIGHTY GOD

TO BE USED ON

SUNDAY, THE 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1918

Being the Sunday after the cessation of hostilities between the Allied Powers and the German Empire.

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### I

## THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *In the Order of Holy Communion the Collects, Epistle, and Gospel following may be used:*

“O Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world.” &c. [Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea after Victory of Deliverance from an Enemy.]

Collect of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany.

Collect of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.

The Epistle: Philippians iv. 4-8, inclusive.

The Gospel: St. John xii. 23-33, inclusive.

¶ *Before bidding the people to pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth, the Priest may say:*

Let us praise God for the great and glorious victory which he has been pleased to grant to us and to our Allies, and for the good hope of peace now shining through the clouds of war. Let us praise him for the faithfulness, bravery, and self-sacrifice of all who have fought and laboured for our deliverance, and, above all, for the memory and high example of the men who have died that we may live.

Let us remember before God the solemn responsibility now resting upon the statesmen of the world, and pray that he may guide them by his spirit of counsel and of strength, and that by their endeavours peace and justice, freedom and order, may be established among all nations.

¶ *Before the Blessing, the Prayers following may be used:*

O eternal Lord God, our only refuge and strength, who from generation to generation dost receive the prayers of thy people that call upon thee: We heartily thank thee that thou hast vouchsafed to hear our humble petitions, and to prosper the Forces of our King and his Allies. Bring, we beseech thee, this present conflict to a speedy close: grant that a just and merciful peace may repair the losses and heal the wounds of war: unite in the bond of brotherly charity those who have been at enmity; and continually guide the counsels of the nations, to the promotion of thy glory and the lasting welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We give thee thanks, O Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, for all those thy servants who waxed valiant in fight and wrought righteousness, and, counting not their life dear unto themselves, laid it down for their friends; and we pray thee that, having fought a good fight and finished their course with joy, they may rejoice evermore with all them that have come out of the great tribulation, and, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, stand before thy throne and serve thee day and night for ever; through him that overcame and is set down in thy throne, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever and world without end. *Amen.*

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and, as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## II

### AT MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

¶ *At the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer the sentences and exhortation following may be used instead of those appointed:*

O magnify the Lord our God: and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the praise: for thy loving mercy and or thy truth's sake.

Brethren, we have come together to lift up our hearts unto the Lord. For more than four years in defence of the right as God gave us to see it we have borne in fellowship with our Allies the struggle and sacrifice of war. It has now pleased him from whom have com the skill of captains, the valour of sailors and soldiers and airmen, the wisdom of counsellors, and the steadfast patience of the people, to crown these his gifts with the blessing of a great and final victory. The might of the enemy wherein he trusted has been laid low, and the way is opened for the coming of justice and of peace. Yet in the midst of our thanksgivings for these tokens of the good hand of our God upon us we do well to remember that they are given not for any merit of our own, but only of his mercy. And our hearts must needs be filled with reverence and awe

when we behold the judgements which his hand has laid upon the nations of the earth. Let us , as is most meet, first fall to prayer in humble acknowledgment of our unworthiness and make confession of our sins unto the Lord our God.

¶ *The following Psalms and Lessons may be used:*

At Morning Prayer:

Psalm xlvi.

First Lesson: Isaiah lxxv.

Second Lesson: Ephesians vi. 10-18, inclusive.

(¶ *If the Form of Praise and Thanksgiving be used, then instead of Te Deum Laudamus at the place appointed in the Order for Morning Prayer may be said of sung Benedicite or Psalm cl.)*

At Evening Prayer:

Psalms xcvi, cxxiv.

First Lesson: Isaiah xxv. 1-9, inclusive.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians v. 14-23, inclusive.

¶ *The following Collect may be used:*

O Almighty God, the Sovereign Commander of all the world, in whose hand is power and might which none is able to withstand; We bless and magnify thy great and glorious Name for this happy Victory, the whole glory whereof we do ascribe to thee, who art the only giver of Victory. And, we beseech thee, give us grace to improve this great mercy of thy glory, the advancement of thy Gospel, the honour of our Sovereign, and, as much as in us lieth, to the good, of all mankind. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of this great mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for this Victory and Deliverance be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

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### III

## A FORM FOR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

WHICH MAY BE USED AFTER THE THIRD COLLECT AT MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER, OR AT SUCH OTHER TIME AS THE MINISTER IN HIS DISCRETION SHALL JUDGE CONVENIENT

¶ *The Minister and people standing, the Minister shall say:*

The Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works that they ought to be had in remembrance.

¶ *After which he shall say:*

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to the God of all mercies, and say: Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.

O Thou who art the giver of all good things:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

O Thou who by thy holy Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, hast given hope to the world:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

O Thou who dost guide and sanctify the hearts of thy people:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the victory which thou hast granted our arms:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the deliverance which thou hast wrought from the fear of our enemies:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the faith which has upheld us through years of danger and anxiety:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the fellowship which has united us with our Allies and our brethren across the seas:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the example of courage, constancy, and unwearied service given by our King:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the labour of the Ministers of State throughout our Realm and Empire, and of all who have borne the burden of government and of providing the welfare of the people:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the skill and steadfastness of our Commanders, and for the heroic endurance, bravery, and tenacity of our sailors and soldiers amid the dangers and hardships of land and sea and air:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the unflinching devotion and self-sacrifice which have been offered in the care of the sick and wounded:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the spirit which has bound together high and low, rich and poor, one with another, in the service of their country and its cause:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the silent faith and the steadfast hope with which the sorrows of the war have been borne and its sacrifices have been endured:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the preservation of our land from invasion, and of our people from famine and distress:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the prospect of speedy deliverance for all prisoners of war:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the hope now given of a righteous and abiding peace:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

For the holy memories and the high example of our brethren who have been faithful unto death:

*Praise be to thee, O Lord most High.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Let us now gather up these our thanksgivings in the words of the ancient hymn wherein the Church of Christ for long ages has offered praise and adoration of God's most holy Name; which done we shall pray that he may now guide the nations of the world into the way of peace.

¶ *Then shall be sung Te Deum Laudamus, after which all or some of the Prayers following shall be said, with the Lord's Prayer:*

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 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.

O God, who makest wars to cease in all the world, and by whose mighty aid the violence of our enemies hath been restrained: Guide, we pray thee, at this time by thy Holy Spirit the minds of those to whom thou hast committed the government of the nations, and prosper all counsels which make for the restoration of a rightful and abiding peace; that we and all thy people, being set free from the perils of war, may serve thee henceforth in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn thy praise: We beseech thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace; and that the nations of the world may be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, Christ, thou Prince of Peace, the Faithful and True, who in righteousness dost judge and make war: Grant to us all, we beseech thee, that, putting on the whole armour of God, and taking up our cross, we may follow thee as thou goest forth conquering and to conquer; and, fighting manfully under thy banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, we may be found more than conquerors, and at the last may be refreshed with the multitude of peace in the heavenly Jerusalem, the holy City of our God: whose is the greatness and the power, the victory and the majesty, for ever. *Amen.*

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify thy hoy Name for all thy servants who, having fought a good fight, have finished their course in thy faith and fear; and we beseech thee that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we with them may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After which the Priest shall say:*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*