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1. The text of Chaplaincy Hymn Book is made up of marked canticles, psalms (from Parish Psalter), favorite hymns and Songs of Praise. There are also some new hymns which will become deservedly popular. The tunes are indicated on top of each hymn and cross-referenced to the source hymn book.

2. The arrangement of the hymns and songs follows the order of the Church's Year (Season) and with many general hymns. It is hoped that this will assist the clergy in the task of hymns selection. With psalms marked, it is believed that our Military Churches will improve upon their chanting with known chants instead of reading them during divine worships.

3. Chaplaincy Hymn Book is designed to supplement Hymns Ancient and Modern (Revised) and to be used in conjunction with the Let's Worship Pamphlet.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO FIRST AND SECOND EDITION (1999)

1. We thank God and appreciate the efforts of our predecessors in office for producing "Let's Worship", and the use of Ancient and Modern Hymn Book. Their efforts have laid the foundation for the expansion of "Let's Worship" and the present work of compiling a hymnal for the Church in the Nigerian Army.

2. The present hymnal represents the encouragement of our Church Fathers and the cooperation of our chaplains, and printers and all agencies serving the spiritual need of our men in the military services.

3. We must stress the invaluable contributions of our brother Lt Col CP Izuorgu (Rtd) for being the brain behind the development of Church Music in our Military Churches. He has worked tirelessly with this directorate in this area for the past fifteen years and his contribution to the present compilation must be acknowledged.

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5. Venerable Lt Colonel ND Okoh arranged the hymns according to seasons of the Church Year. We thank him.

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7. It is our hope that this hymnal will be broad enough in scope to give the necessary spiritual aid to the chaplain as he prepares his worship programmes through the Church Calendar; and rich enough as to ensure maximum congregational participation in the worship.

8. We recommend the book for your prayerful use with God's blessing.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THIRD EDITION (2015)

The use of the Chaplaincy Hymn Book continues to gain wide acceptance within and outside the Barrack Churches alongside the Let's Worship Manual. The gradual unconscious evolution of a unique Protestant liturgy has not only become conscious but now remains a uniting force within the Protestant Military Family as the reflections of not only the eighteen denominations that make up the Nigerian Army Chaplain (Prot), but the three major blocs of Episcopal, Evangelical and Pentecostal.

It is on this basis that this edition is presented as a combination of our Worship Manual and Hymnbook which is not only handy but upgraded with more hymns and other inputs that are aimed at making the worship experience not only spiritual and truthful, but also as real as possible for today's Personnel.

I acknowledge and appreciate the foundational efforts of Lt Col (Engr) CP Izuorgu Rtd and Capt (Ven) JN Ekwe (now Bishop) who were instrumental in compiling the foremost and subsequent Hymnbook editions respectively. All authors, publishers and trustees are hereby also respectfully acknowledged. Also to be acknowledged are the contributors to the Revised Edition of the Let's Worship Manual and the contributions of our teeming faithful members.

In order to achieve compactness, the Psalms could not be included into this edition. The usual Canticles are however retained. It is strongly recommended that all churches maintain the chanting culture and facilitate same with the use of projectors or the former hymn books / available books with such during services.

It is worth mentioning that a lot of hours and painstaking efforts were put into this Combined Edition to make it as flawless as possible. I appreciate the Staff Officer (G1/G4) – Capt (Ven) TE Ogbonyomi and his team who worked closely with our publishers. Meanwhile, useful criticisms, contributions and suggestions are still being welcomed for future upgrading according to the dynamism of the barrack church and the society at large.

It is my sincere prayer that this Combined Edition will not only be received in good faith, but will enhance the acceptable worship of God by the user. Amen.

Remain Blessed, and Blessed, and Blessed "Yanfu Yanfu" in Jesus Name.

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PREFACE TO FOURTH EDITION (2020)

This Fourth (2020) Edition of the **Let's Worship** is a product of numerous consultations, brainstorming sessions and intensive editorial work by the CHB Review Committee. All these processes were aimed at producing something worthwhile for an ever evolving system – something that would need little or no input in the nearest future. Consequently, and as much as possible, this edition caters for all the major lapses identified in the Third (2015) Edition - which evidently was also an attempted improvement on the 2010 reproduction of the First and Second Editions of 1999.

Apart from the regular Mattins, Holy Communion, Litany and Baptism services, the complete order of services for Blessing of Marriage, Holy Matrimony and Burial are included in this edition. This is to enhance the uniformity that distinguishes us as a revered system and to facilitate continued conformity. A short format for the Dedication of Church Council Members is also included for use appropriately. These injects should serve as valuable reference materials not just for the upcoming chaplains but also for the congregants.

After expunging some hymns that were classified as the most redundant – those hardly used within the Christian Year Calendar and adding some much more needed hymns that were hitherto conspicuously absent: a total of 350 Hymns are herein presented. Of this figure, the Seasonal Hymns accommodate 137 Hymns which are not only arranged in seasonal order but also alphabetically within the respective seasons. All other hymns aside the seasonal ones are further arranged alphabetically as General Hymns. Aside this seasonal format, all hymns are also arranged alphabetically with their first lines as index. All these are aimed to achieving a User – Friendly product which will enhance better search and identification of the hymns by the worshiper.

Furthermore, in order to encourage and facilitate the learning of new hymns and not just sticking to the oldies, a quick reference for musical tunes has been compiled for the most common tunes (found after the index). It is believed that this valuable tool would especially aid the choirmasters and the chaplains to choose from a wider range of hymns when and where no professional organist is available. Choices of tunes are however to be

cautiously made bearing in mind the mood of the season and the message conveyed by the lyrics amongst others.

The Committee is appreciative to the Ag Director Col (Ven) MA Abolanle Ph.D for giving his full support towards this onerous task. We also appreciate the Chief of Staff/Vicar General Lt Col (Ven) NZ Davou, the Acting Commandant NACTSP Maj (Ven) B David and other staff officers of HQ DCSP for their contributions. I am indebted to the other committee members: Maj (Rev) ES Akinyemi, Capt (Can) JW Dandak, Lt (Rev) EO Awoniyi and Lt (Rev) JO Azuka – for their sacrifice of time and contribution of knowledge. The committee wishes to take responsibility for all errors usually attributed to the "Printer's Devil" and would appreciate constructive criticisms to aid the production of future editions.

To God Be The Glory!

MAY 2020

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The production of this Platinum Edition of the Let's Worship is one of the commemorative activities of the 70th Anniversary celebration of the Directorate. Coming barely 3 years after the last edition, the Platinum Edition is also timely as the 2020 Edition had gradually run out of stock and a reprint was already being considered.

The Platinum Edition is simply thus a reprint of the 2020 edition however all typographical errors observed in the edition have been corrected. This was easy to accomplish as observation of these errors had begun immediately the edition was produced. Though there has always been a seeming need to upgrade the liturgy format of the Let's Worship from the present old to a newer one; the deliberate hesitation to cave in to the pressure not only supports our uniqueness as a protestant chaplaincy but professes our unique and present diversity. Additionally however, some commonly sought hymns have been carefully added as supplementary hymns without distorting the main hymn arrangement.

The foundational efforts of Lt Col CP Izuorgu (Rtd): the compiler of the 1st and 2nd Editions are once again hereby duly acknowledged and appreciated – alongside the publishers of the source hymn books and the composers. I also acknowledge and commend the Review Committees of the 3rd and 4th Editions respectively led by my humble self, first as a Captain and later as a Major. The meticulous inputs of Mr Okey Efuribe are warmly acknowledged in this Platinum Edition.

It is therefore with a high level of optimism, as we celebrate this historic milestone as a Directorate that this Platinum Edition, the 5th of the Let's Worship is presented to the Nigerian Army Protestant family – both serving and retired, for a most fulfilling worship experience.

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DEDICATION

This Platinum Edition of **"Let's Worship"** is dedicated to God Almighty and to all our ***"Heroes Past"*** in the Directorate of Chaplain Services Protestant Nigerian Army – both living and dead; for the good structural foundation laid down for us and their numerous contributions that have brought us to our present status as a directorate. Indeed we proclaim: ***Ebenezer…Hitherto has the Lord helped Us!***

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1. PROCESSIONAL HYMN OR LYRICS

2. PRAISE WORSHIP

3. CALL TO WORSHIP

A. The Sentences

(i) Penitence

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (*Luke 15:18-19).*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness *(1 John 1: 8-9).*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets *(Daniel 9: 9-10).*

Enter not into judgment with your servant, O God; for in your sight shall no man living be justified *(Psalm 143:2).*

(ii) Worship

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth *(John 4:24).*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him *(Psalm 96:9).*

But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him *(Habakkuk 2:20).*

(iii) Advent

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand *(Matthew 3:2)*.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light *(Romans 13:12)*.

(iv) Christmas

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2:10 –11)*.

Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God has sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him *(1 John 4:9)*.

(v) Epiphany

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the nations; and in every place, incense is offered unto thy name, and a pure offering; for my name is great among the nations, says the Lord *(Malachi 1:11)*.

The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the heathens *(Psalm 98:2)*.

(vi) Lent

So rend your hearts, and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. And He relents from doing harm *(Joel 2:13)*.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise *(Psalm 51:17)*.

(vii) Passiontide

Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow *(Lamentations 1:12)*.

(viii) Good Friday

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us *(Romans 5:8)*.

(ix) Easter Eve

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him; and he shall give your heart's desire *(Psalm 37:7)*.

(x) Easter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead *(1 Peter 1:3)*.

(xi) Ascension

Seeing that we have a great priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace of help in time of need *(Hebrew 4:14 -16)*.

(xii) Whit Sunday (Pentecost)

The love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given unto us *(Romans 5:5)*.

But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth *(Acts 1:8-9)*.

(xiii) Trinity

God is love; and he that abides in love abides in God and God in him *(1 John 4:16)*.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come"*(Revelation 4:8)*.

(xiv) All Saints and Other Major Saints' Day

Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith *(Hebrews 12: 1-2)*.

(xv) New Year or Anniversary

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint *(Isaiah 40:31)*

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging bread. He is ever giving liberally and lending, and his children become a blessing *(Ps 37:25-26)*.

(xvi) Harvest

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof *(Psalm 24:1)*.

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you (*I Chronicles 29:11-12)*.

(xvii) Armed Forces Remembrance Day Service

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in vain who build it: unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain *(Psalm 127:1).*

For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passes away, and comes not again *(Psalm 78:39)*

(xviii) Nigerian Army Day Celebration Service

The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory comes from God alone. *(Proverbs 21:31).*

Some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He told them, "Be satisfied with your pay, and never use threats or blackmail to get money from anyone" *(Luke 3:14).*

(xix) National Day Service

Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth *(Psalm 67:4).*

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing *(Genesis 12:2).*

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin *is* a reproach to any people *(Proverbs 14:34).*

(xx) Times of Trouble

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble *(Psalm 46:1).*

I will lift up my eyes to the hills - from whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth (*Ps 121:1-2).*

(xxi) Mothering Sunday

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; you will be comforted over Jerusalem *(Isaiah 66:13)*.

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her worth *is* far above rubies *(Proverbs 31:10)*.

Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, until I, Deborah, arose, arose a mother of Israel *(Judges 5:7)*.

(xxii) Fathers' Day

Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another by profaning the covenant of the fathers?*(Malachi 2:10)*

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they be discouraged *(Colossians 3:21)*.

I *was* a father to the poor, and I searched out the case that I did not know. I broke the fangs of the wicked and plucked the victim from his teeth *(Job 29:16)*.

(xxiii) Youth Day

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint *(Isaiah 40:30, 31)*.

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them *(Ecclesiastes 12:1)*

B. **Exhortation:** *(The Chaplain may say either of the following exhortations)*

Chaplain: Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, the Scriptures move us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient hearts; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul; for ourselves and for others. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace meekly kneeling upon our knees.

OR

Chaplain:

Beloved, we have come together in the presence of the Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship, praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love, and show forth in our lives the fruits of his Grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well-being requires. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

(Silence may be kept for individual confession before the collective confession)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God through the words of the general/shorter confession:

C. General Confession: ***(All Kneeling)***

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore also those who are penitent; According to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OR

Shorter Confession: ***(All Kneeling)***

All: O God our Father, we have sinned against You, in thoughts, words and deeds. We have not loved you with all our hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy upon us we beseech You; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

D. Absolution: *(The Chaplain may say either of the following absolutions substituting "us" for "you" and "our" for "your"; Church Assistants to remain kneeling; substituting "we" for "they" and "our" for "their "whenever a superior Chaplain is present in the service.)*

Chaplain: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that *he/she* may turn from *his/her* wickedness, and live; and have given power, and commandment, to his

Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardons and absolves all that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore, let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our lives hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last day we may come to his eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People**:* ***Amen

OR

Chaplain: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant unto *you* pardon and remission of all *your* sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***Amen***

OR

Church Asst: Grant we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that *they* may be cleansed from all *their* sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***Amen***

E. **The Lord's Prayer**: *(To be said by all kneeling)*

***All**:* Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

F. **Versicles and Responses**: *(May be chanted)*

Chaplain: O Lord open you our lips;
People: **And our mouths shall show forth your praise.**

Chaplain: O God, make speed to save us;
People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

Chaplain: Praise you the Lord;
***People*:** **The Lord's name be praised**.

4. VENITE (PSALM 95) OR LYRIC

1. O come let us SING 'Unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2. Let us come before his PRESENCE with thanksgiving and SHOW OURSELVES glad in him with psalms
3. For the LORD is a 'great God: and a GREAT' King a-'bove all' gods.
4. In 'his hands are all the CORNERS' of the' earth: and the STRENGTH of the 'hills is his' also.
5. The sea is HIS and' he 'made it: and his HANDS prepare-d the' dry' land.
6. O come let us WORSHIP and 'fall' down: and KNEEL Be-'fore the' Lord our' Maker.
7. For HE is the' Lord our' God: and we are the people of his pasture AND the' sheep' of his' hand.
8. To-day if ye will hear his voice HARDen' not your' hearts: as in the provocation and as in the DAY OF TEMPT- ation' in the' wilderness.

9. When your Fathers' tempted' me: PROV-ed' me and 'saw my works.
10. Forty years long was I griev-ed with THIS gener-' ation and' said: It is a people that do err in their hearts FOR they' have not' known my Ways;
11. Unto whom I SWORE' in my wrath: that they SHOULD not' enter' into my' rest.

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. 'A-'men.

5. PSALM

6. 1ST LESSON

7. TE DEUM /BENEDICTUS /JUBILATE DEO OR LYRICS
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

1. We PRAISE' thee O 'God : We ACKNOWLedge' thee to ' be the Lord.
2. All the EARTH doth 'worship' thee: THE 'Father' ever-'lasting.
3. To thee all Angels' cry a- 'loud: the HEAVENS and' all the' powers there- 'in.
4. To thee CHERUBIM AND' Seraph- 'im: CON- ' tinual…'ly do' cry,
5. HOLY' Holy' Holy: LORD' God of Saba- 'oth;
6. Heaven and earth are FULL of the' Majes, 'ty : OF' thy' Glo-'ry.
7. The glorio'US COMPANY 'of the A- ' postles: PRAISE, - ' thee.
8. The goodly FELLOWSHIP' Of the' Prophets: PRAISE, - ' thee.
9. The Noble' army of' Martyrs: PRAISE '-'-' thee.
10. The holy CHURCH throughout' all the' world: DOTH ac-'know-'ledge' thee;
11. THE' FA-' ther: OF an ' infin- ite' Majes-'ty;
12. Thine HONour-'able true: AND' on-' –ly, Son;

13. ALSO the' Holy' Ghost: the' Com-' fort-' er.
14. THOU art the' King of' Glory: O '-' –' Christ.
15. Thou art the EVER –'lasting' Son: OF'- the' Father.
16. When thou tookest UpON THEE TO DE- 'liver' man: thou DIDST not ab- 'hor the 'Virgin's' womb.
17. When thou hadst overcome the 'sharpness of death: thou didst open the KINGDOM of' Heaven to all be-'lievers.
18. Thou Sittest at the RIGHT' hand of' God: IN the 'Glory' of the 'Father.
19. We believe that' thou shall' come: To' be' our Judge.
20. We therefore PRAY thee' help thy, servants: whom thou hast REDEEMED with Thy precious blood,
21. Make them to be NUMBERE-ED' with thy' Saints: IN' glory' ever'lasting
22. O LORD' save thy' people: AND' bless thine' herit' tage..
23. GOV-' –ern' them: AND' lift them' up for' ever.
24. Day' by' day: WE…'magni- ' fy 'thee;'-
25. AND we' worship thy' Name: Ever' world with- 'out' end.
26. VOUCH- 'safe O' Lord: to KEEP US this' day with- ‘out' sin.
27. O LORD have' Mercy up- 'on us: HAVE' mer-'cy up-on us.
28. O Lord let thy MERcy' lighten- up-' on us: As our' trust' is in' thee.
29. O Lord in THEE' have I 'trusted: LET me' never' be con-'founded.

OR

BENEDICTUS (SONG OF ZECHARIAH - LUKE 1: 68)

1. Bless-ed be the LORD' God of Israel: for he hath VISITED' and re-' deem –ed his' people;-
2. And hath raised up a MIGHTY sal-vation' for us: in the HOUSE' of his' servant' David.
3. As he spake by the MOUTH OF HIS' holy' Prophets: which have BEEN' since the' world be-'gan;
4. That we should be SA-ved' from our' enemies: AND from the' hands of' all that' hate us;
5. To perform the mercy PROMIS-ED ' to our' forefathers: AND to re-'member. His' holy' Covenant;
6. To perform the oath which he SWARE to our' forefather' Abraham. THAT' he would 'give' us;
7. That we being deliver-ed out of the HAND' of our' enemies might SERVE' him with'out' fear:
8. In holiness and Righteous-'ness be-'fore him: - ALL the' days' of our' life.
9. And thou Child shalt be call-ed the PROphet' of the' Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the LORD' to pre –'pare his' ways;
10. To give knowledge of salVAtion' unto his' people: FOR the re-'mission' of their' sins;
11. Through the tender Mercy' of our' God: whereby the DAYSPRING FROM ON' high hath' visit-ed' us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness. AND' in the' shadow of' death: (P) and to guide our FEET' into the' way of' peace.

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.

A-men.

OR

JUBILATE DEO (PSALM 100)

1. O be joyful in the LORD' all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before his' presence' with a' song.
2. Be ye sure that the LORD' he is' God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his PEOPLE AND THE sheep of his' pasture.
3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and INTO his' courts with' praise: be thankful unto HIM and' speak good' of his' Name.
4. FOR THE Lord is gracious His MERCY is' ever-' lasting: and his truth endureth from GENEr-'ation to gener-"ation.

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. A-men.

8. 2ND LESSON

9. CREED, COLLECTS AND STATE PRAYERS

(a) Apostles' Creed of Public/Infant Baptism

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life

everlasting. Amen.

Chaplain: The Lord be with you;
***People*:** **And with your spirit.**

(All Kneeling)

Chaplain: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us;
***People*:** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Chaplain: Lord have mercy upon us.
All: **Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name; Your kingdom come; Your will be done on 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. Amen.**

Chaplain: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
***People*:** **And grant us your salvation**

Chaplain: O Lord, save our Nation.
***People*:** **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Chaplain: Endue your ministers with righteousness;
***People*:** **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Chaplain: O Lord, save your people;
***People*:** **And bless your inheritance.**

Chaplain: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

***People*: Because there is no other that fights for us; but only you, O God.**

Chaplain: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

***People*: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

(b) The Collect of the Day*(The Chaplain says the appropriate collect of the day and the other collects)*

Collects (Peace and Grace)

Chaplain: O God, who is the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People*: Amen.**

Chaplain: O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Your governance, to do always that which is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People*: Amen**

(c) Occasional Prayers *(Three to five of these prayers may be said at the discretion of the Chaplain with extempore prayers)*

(i) Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God, who has wonderfully preserved and guided our Nation through the years that are past, and given us a position of responsibility in this Continent: Grant that we may be worthy of our high calling. Purge out from among us the sins that dishonor you, Give us true religion; crown our faith with righteousness; and lift us up a holy people to your praise and honour through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(ii) Prayer for the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces

Chaplain: Send him from the Sanctuary;
People*: Strengthen him out of Zion** *(Psalm 20:2).**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech you to bless our President, and Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces … and all those who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of your Holy Name, and the good of your church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(iii) Prayer for the Whole Church

Chaplain: Declare his honour unto the heathen;
People: **And his wonders unto all people** *(Psalm 96:3).*

O Lord, we beseech you to maintain your Church in truth and patience; that her pastors may be faithful, her watchmen vigilant, her flock loyal, her camp united, her war spiritual, her weapons heavenly, her lamp burning and shinning; and as your Son Jesus Christ hath given so great a price for us, let us not count it a thing to give up all for Him, and to spend

and be spent for the souls he has redeemed; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for evermore. Amen.

(iv) Prayer for the Armed Forces

Grant, O Lord, that the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces may devote themselves heartily to the common cause, not seeking gains for themselves only, but placing the needs of others above their own interests, giving much and taking little; that we may all know the joy of sacrificial and patriotic services with the discipline of self-denial: and particularly blessing the Minister of Defence, the Chief of Defence Staff, the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Naval Staff, the Chief of Air Staff, all Commanders with all their officers and soldiers, for the sake of him who died for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(v) Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works marvels; send down upon our Bishops, Chaplains and all Congregation committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace; and that they may truly please you; pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Gran tthis, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(vi) Prayer for Unity

Chaplain: Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren;
People: **To dwell together in unity***(Psalm 133:1).*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who did say to your Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you"; and also prayed for the Church to remain one and undivided: regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church and grant it that peace and unity which is agreeable to your will who lives and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

Amen.

(vii) Prayer That the Lord's Day May Be Kept Holy

Chaplain: This is the day, which the Lord has made;

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it** *(Psalm 118:24).*

Almighty God, who has given a day of rest to your people, and through your Spirit in the Church, has consecrated the first day of the week to be a perpetual memorial of your Son's Resurrection: Grant that we may so use your gift that, refreshed and strengthened in soul and body, we may serve you faithfully all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(viii) Prayer for Those Preparing for Confirmation

Chaplain: Let your loving Spirit lead them forth;

People: **Into the land of righteousness** *(Psalm 43:3).*

O God, who through the teachings of your Son Jesus Christ did prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech you, the hearts and minds of your servants who at this time are seeking the gift of your Holy Spirit through the laying of hands, that drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of his divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(ix) Prayer for Schools

Chaplain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

***People*:** **A good understanding have all they that do thereafter** *(Proverbs 1:7).*

O heavenly Father, whose blessed Son has said, "suffer all little children

to come unto me", prosper with your blessing all teachers and scholars; and grant that, as the minds of your children are enlightened with knowledge, so their hearts may be daily drawn by your Holy Spirit to the love of you and your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(x) Prayer for Sunday Schools

Chaplain: These words, which I command you shall be upon your heart;

People: And you shall teach them diligently unto your children *(Deuteronomy6:6-7).*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has committed to your Holy Church the care and nurture of your children: Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you all the days of their lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(xi) Prayer for Our Universities and All Other Places of Higher Learning

Chaplain: Blessed is the man who finds wisdom;

People*: And the man who gains understanding** *(Proverbs 3:13).**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to prosper with your blessings the works of all our Universities, Colleges, and Schools, and all other places of higher learning, that they who serve you therein, as teachers or learners, may set your holy will ever before them, and be led to the knowledge of your truth; that so both Church and the Nation may be bettered by their studies, and they themselves be made meet to be partakers of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(xii) Prayer for the Forth Coming Election

Chaplain: In all your ways acknowledge him;

***People*: And he shall direct your paths** *(Proverbs 3:6).*

Almighty God, the source of all wisdom: Direct, we beseech you, the minds of the electorate so that they can vote fit persons who can serve as executives and legislators from the local government to the national levels of this country. Grant also that they may have regards for your glory and the welfare of your people; and on those whom they all choose. Bestow, from your goodness, the spirit of wisdom and true religion; for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(xiii) Prayer for the Peace of the World

Chaplain: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;

***People*: He breaks the bows and shatters the spear** *(Psalm 46:9)*.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray you, in the hearts of all men and women the true love of peace; guiding with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the Nations of the earth; especially the UN and AU that in tranquility, your Kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(xiv) Prayer for Maintenance of Industrial Peace

Chaplain: Owe no man anything but to love one another;

***People*: For he that loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law** *(Romans 13:8).*

O God, the Father of all mankind, we beseech thee to inspire us with such love, truth, and equity, that in all our dealings one with another we may show forth our brotherhood in you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(xv) Prayer for the Help and Guidance of God in Time of War

Chaplain: God is our hope and strength;

***People*: A very present help in time of trouble** *(Psalm 46:1).*

O Almighty God, King of Kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongs justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent: Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech you from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, assuage their malice and confound their devices; that we being armed with your defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify you, who is the only giver of all victories; through the merits of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you; and do promise, that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE *(Together)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

10. NOTICES
11. TITHE/SEED OF FAITH
12. TESTIMONY/THANKSGIVING/CHURCHING OF WOMEN
13. HYMN
14. SERMON
15. CHOIR ANTHEM
16. OFFERING

17. THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

OR

THE ASCRIPTION

To God the Father, who loves us, and makes us accepted in the Beloved;
To God the Son, who loves us, and loses us from our sins by His own blood:
To God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts:
To the One true God, be all love and all Glory for time and for eternity. Amen.
The Almighty and Merciful God bless us and keep us this night and for evermore. Amen.

18. BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

19. RECESSION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

1. PROCESSION

2. HYMN

3. ANTE-COMMUNION
   (a) Decalogue/Summary of the Law
   (b) Collect
   (c) Epistle
   (d) Hymn\Anthem
   (e) Gospel
   (f) Nicene Creed and Extempore Prayers

4. NOTICES

5. TITHES SEED OF FAITH

6. TESTIMONY/THANKSGIVING/CHURCHING OF WOMEN

7. HYMN

8. SERMON

9. CHOIR ANTHEM/HYMN (OFFERTORY)

10. OFFERING

11. COMMUNION PROPER

12. POST COMMUNION PRAYER

13. BENEDICTION

14. RECESSION

1. PROCESSION

2. HYMN

3. ANTE-COMMUNION

Chaplain: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Chaplain: Let us pray

The Lord's Prayer *(To be said all together)*

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name; Your kingdom come; Your will be done; on 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. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *(Priest Alone)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

a. The Decalogue

Chaplain: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not make to yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: Remember that you keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shall you labour, and do all that you have to do but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: Honour your father and your mother.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not murder.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not commit adultery.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not steal.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not bear false witness.

***People*:** **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: You shall not covet.

***People*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts, we beseech you.**

OR

The Summary of the Law

Chaplain: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.

***People*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Chaplain: And the second is like, namely this: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

***People*: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts we beseech you.**

Chaplain: Let us pray

Almighty God whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of your chosen servant . . . , the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, that he knowing whose minister he is may above all things seek your honour and glory: and that we, and all the people of this nation duly considering whose authority he has may faithfully honour, and humbly obey him, in you, and for you, according to your blessed word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns, forever one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Chaplain: The Collect, the Epistle and the Holy Gospel as appointed for…

b. The Collect (*Then shall the Chaplain say the appropriate collect*s)

c. The Epistle

Chaplain: The Epistle (or the portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle) is written in the … chapter of … beginning at the…verse.

(At the end of the reading, the Chaplain shall announce)

***Chaplain*:** Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

d. Hymn/Anthem

e. The Holy Gospel

Chaplain: THE HOLY GOSPEL *(The people shall rise at this announcement).*

The Holy Gospel is written in the … chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as recorded by Saint … beginning at the … verse.

***People*: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

(At the end of the reading, the Chaplain shall announce slightly lifting the Bible)

Chaplain: This is the Gospel of Christ.

***People*: Praise be to you O Christ for this your Holy Gospel**

f. The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeded from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

4. NOTICES

5. TITHE/SEED OF FAITH

6. TESTIMONY/THANKSGIVING/CHURCHING OF WOMEN

7. HYMN

8. SERMON

9. CHOIR ANTHEM/ HYMN (OFFERTORY)

10. OFFERING

11. COMMUNION PROPER

a. Offertory Sentences *(One or two of these sentences to be said by the Chaplain)*

(i) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*(Matthew 5:16).*

(ii) Do not lay for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal*(Matthew 6:19-20).*

(iii) Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will of My Father in heaven*(Matthew 7:21).*

b. Intercession

Chaplain: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. Lord, hear our prayers

***People*: And let our cry come unto you.**

Chaplain: Almighty and ever living God, who by your Holy Apostles have taught us make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech you most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto your Divine Majesty; beseeching you to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. And grant, that all they that do confess your holy name may agree in the truth of your holy word, and live in unity, and godly life. We beseech you also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them your people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto your servant … and to

all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vices, and to the maintenance of your true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons especially to your servant … our Director, Deputy Directors, Brigade and Unit Chaplains that they may both by their lives and doctrine set forth your true and living word and rightly and duly administer your Holy Sacraments. Guide and prosper, we pray you, those who are labouring for the spread of your Gospel among the nations and enlighten with your spirit all places of education and learning; That the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of your truth.

And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. And we most humbly beseech you of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we commend to your gracious keeping, O Lord, all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, beseeching you to grant them everlasting light and peace. And here we give you most high praise and hearty thanks for all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

c. General Confession

All: Almighty God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, words and deeds, against your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us; most merciful Father; For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

d. Absolution

Chaplain: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

e. Comfortable Words

Chaplain: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says unto all that truly turn to him:

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" *(Matthew 11:28).*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"*(John3:16).*

Hear also what Saint Paul says:

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners…"*(I Tim 1:15).*

Hear also what Saint John says:

"… And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins…"*(1 John 2:1-2).*

Chaplain: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Chaplain: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Chaplain: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you, and saying:

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most High. Amen.**

f. Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

g. Consecration

Chaplain: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of your tender mercy did give your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice; oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you, and grant that we receiving these your creatures of (+) bread and wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution; in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

(+) *here the celebrant makes a sign of the cross on the elements*

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, (~) took bread; and when He had given thanks, (^) He broke it: and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat (#) this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me".

Likewise, after supper, (*) He took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "drink this all of you; for (>) this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me". Amen.

The Chaplain(s) may also say these words of administration before or during the administration using the appropriate tenses.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

(~) *here the celebrant takes the paten into his hands*
(^) *he now breaks the bread*
(#) *he lifts the paten and lays his hands upon the bread*
(*) *here the celebrant lifts the chalice and trays*
(>) *he lays his hands upon the chalice and trays*

12. POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Chaplain: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Chaplain: Let us pray

a. The Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name; Your Kingdom come; Your will be done; on 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

b. Prayer of Thanksgiving

Chaplain: O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto you; humbly beseeching you, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto you any sacrifice, yet we beseech you to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen

c. Gloria

All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King; God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You that take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You that take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You that sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Chaplain: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

13. BENEDICTION

Chaplain: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

14. RECESSION

THE LITANY

Chaplain: O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: ***O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners***.

Chaplain: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: ***O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.***

Chaplain: O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: ***O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.***

Chaplain: O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

People: ***O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners***.

Chaplain: Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord spare Your people, whom You have redeemed with Your most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

People: ***Spare us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: From all evil and mischief; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from your wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us***.

Chaplain: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice and all uncharitableness,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us***.

Chaplain: From fornication, and all other deadly sins; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us.***

Chaplain: From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us.***

Chaplain: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Your Word and Commandment,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us***

Chaplain: By the mystery of Your Holy Incarnation; by Your Holy Nativity and Circumcision, by Your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us***.

Chaplain: By Your Agony and bloody Sweat, by Your Cross and Passion; by Your precious Death and Burial; by Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost.

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us***.

Chaplain: In all time of our tribulations, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death and in the day of judgment,

People: ***Good Lord, deliver us.***

Chaplain: We sinners do beseech You to hear us; O Lord God; and that it may please You to rule and govern Your Holy Church universal in the right way;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to keep and strengthen in the true worshiping of You, in righteousness and holiness of life, Your servant ... the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria,

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to rule his heart in Your faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in You, and ever seek Your honour and glory;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to illuminate the Director ...; all Deputy Directors, especially …; all Brigade Chaplains, especially …; and all Unit Chaplains, especially…; with true knowledge and understanding of Your Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to further the work of Your church universal and send forth labourers into the harvest;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to endue the Legislatures, the Judiciaries and the Executives at the three arms of Government in Nigeria with grace, godly wisdom and divine understanding;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to bless and prosper the forces of our nation by land, sea and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities; blessing the Chief of Defense Staff…, the Chief of Army Staff . . ., the Chief of Naval Staff … and the Chief of Air Staff ...;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to bless and keep all Your people;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to give to all nations, unity, peace and concord;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to give us a heart to love and dread you, and diligently to live after your commandments;

People: ***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to give to all your people increase of grace to hear meekly your Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit;

People: ***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain*:* That it may please You to preserve all that travel by land, by air or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Your pity upon all prisoners and captives;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to defend, and provide for the fatherless children, widows and widowers, and all that are desolate and oppressed;

People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to have mercy upon all people;
People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts;
People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them;
People: ***We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please you to be with all heads of denominations especially…;
People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to bless and support all businessmen and women, the unemployed, lecturers and students of all institutions;
People: ***We beseech You to hear us good Lord.***

Chaplain: That it may please You to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances to endue us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Your Holy Word;
People: ***We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.***

Chaplain: Son of God, we beseech You to hear us.
People: ***Son of God, we beseech You to hear us.***

Chaplain: O Lamb of God: that takes away the sin of the world;
People: ***Grant us Your Peace.***

Chaplain: O Lamb of God: that takes away the sin of the world;
People: ***Have mercy upon us.***

Chaplain: O Christ, hear us
People: ***O Christ, hear us.***

Chaplain: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Chaplain: Christ, have mercy upon us.
People: ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Chaplain: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: ***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

(Then shall the Chaplain and the people with him say the Lord's Prayer)
Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on 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. Amen.

Chaplain: O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
People: ***Neither reward us after our iniquities.***

Chaplain: *Let us pray*
O God, merciful Father, that despises not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: mercifully assist our prayers that we make before You in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man work against us, be brought to naught and by the providence of your goodness they may be dispersed; that we Your servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto You in Your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
People: **O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for your name's sake.**

Chaplain: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.
People: ***O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for your honour****.*

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

Chaplain: From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
People: ***Graciously look upon our afflictions.***

Chaplain: Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.
People: ***Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.***

Chaplain: Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.
People: ***O Son of David, have mercy upon us.***

Chaplain: Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.
People: ***Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.***

Chaplain: O Lord, let your mercy be shown to your people
People: ***As we do put our trust in you.***

Chaplain: Let us pray:

We humbly beseech you, O Father mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of your name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honour and Glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto you; and do promise, that when two or three are gathered together in your name You will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

OR

The Benediction

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

PUBLIC BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Chaplain: Has this child been baptized or not? *(If the godparents answer no, then the chaplain shall proceed as follows)*

Chaplain: Beloved in Christ Jesus, seeing that all men are from their birth prone to sin, but that God wills all men to be saved, for God is love: and that our Saviour Christ said, None can enter into the Kingdom of God except he be born anew of water and of the Holy Spirit: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this child*, that thing which by nature *he/she* cannot have, that *he/she* may be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living member of the same.

(All Standing)

Chaplain: Almighty and everlasting God, who of your great mercy did save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also did safely lead the children of Israel your people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby your Holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, did sanctify the element of water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech you, for your infinite mercies that you will mercifully look upon this child; wash *him/her* and sanctify *him/her* with the Holy Spirit, that *he/she*, being delivered from your wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may also pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with you, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chaplain: Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark in the Tenth Chapter, at the Thirteenth verse

***People*: Glory be to you. O Lord.**

Chaplain: They brought young children to Christ that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them.

***People*: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Chaplain: Beloved, you hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, when he commanded the children to be brought unto him; how he blamed those that would have kept them from him; how he exhorts all men to follow their innocence. You perceive how by his outward gesture and deed he declared his good will towards them; for he embraced them in his arms, he laid his hands upon them and blessed them. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Doubt not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he loves this infant, that he approves this work of ours in bringing *him/her* to Holy Baptism, that he is ready to receive *him/her*, to embrace *him/her* with the arms of his mercy, and to give *him/her* the blessing of eternal life. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards this infant, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say;

(All Standing)

Chaplain: Almighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father we give you humble thanks, for that you have called us to the knowledge of your grace, and to faith in you. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give your Holy Spirit to this infant, that *he/she* may be born again and be made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

(Then shall the Chaplain speak unto the Godfathers and Godmothers)

Chaplain: Dearly beloved, you have brought this child here to be baptized, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would be pleased to receive *him/her,* to release him/her of his/her sins, to sanctify *him/her* with the holy spirit, to give him/her the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life. You have heard also that our lord has promised in his Gospel to grant all these things that you have prayed for; which promise he for his part, will most surely keep and perform. You, on your part, must undertake on behalf of this infant three things (until *he/she* comes of age), first, that *he/she* will renounce the devil and all his work. Secondly, that *he/she* will constantly believe God's holy word; and thirdly, that *he/she* will obediently keep his commandments. I demand therefore,

Chaplain: Do you, in the name of this child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow nor be led by them?

***Answer*: I do**

Chaplain: Do you in the name of this child profess the Christian Faith?

***Answer*: I do**

(Together)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen

Chaplain: Do you in the name of this child promise obedience to God's holy will and commandments?

***Answer*: I do**

Chaplain: Do you in the name of this child ask for baptism?

***Answer*: I do**

Chaplain: Merciful God, grant that the old Adam in this child may so be buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him/her.* **Amen.**

Grant that all evil desires of the flesh may die in *him/her* and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him/her*. **Amen.**

Grant that *he/she* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world; and the flesh. **Amen.**

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to you by our office and ministry may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through your mercy, O blessed Lord, God who do lives, and govern all things world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

Chaplain: The Lord be with you.

***Answer*: And with your spirit.**

Chaplain: Lift up your hearts.

***Answer*: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Chaplain: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***Answer*: It is meet and right so to do.**

Chaplain: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that your most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for

forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Hear, we beseech you, the prayer of your people; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that (*This child*), now to be baptized therein, may receive the fullness of your grace, and ever remain in the number of your faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

The Baptism

Chaplain: Name this Child .....

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign *him/her* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he/she* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world and the devil; and to continue Christ faithful soldier and servant unto *his/her* life's end. Amen.

(The Thanksgiving)

Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that this child is born again, and received into the family of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that this child may lead the rest of *his/her* life according to this beginning.

(Together)

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come: your will be done; on 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Chaplain: We yield hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it has pleased you to regenerate this infant, with your Holy Spirit, to receive *him/her* as your own child by adoption, and to make *him/her* a member of your holy Church. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that, being buried with Christ by baptism into his death, *he/she* may also be made partaker of his resurrection; so that serving you here in newness of life, *he/she* may finally with the rest of your holy Church, be an inheritor of your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer for the Home)

Chaplain: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son did share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home. Bless, we beseech you, the home of this child and grant wisdom and understanding to all who have the care of *him/her* that *he/she* may grow up in your constant fear and love; through the same, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Duties of Godfathers and Godmothers

Chaplain: You who have brought this child to be baptized into the family of Christ's Church must see that *he/she* be taught the Creed, The Lord's Prayer and the Ten commandments, as set forth in the Church Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. See also that *he/she* be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and Christian life. See also that *he/she* be brought to the bishop to be confirmed by him; so that strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit, *he/she* may come with due preparation to receive the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his church.

Chaplain: Will you help *him/her* to learn and to do all these things?
***Answer*:** **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Chaplain: Remember always that Baptism does represent unto us our Christian profession, which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him: that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die unto sin and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all evil desires, and daily advancing in all virtue and godliness of living.

Chaplain: 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, now and for evermore. Amen.

PUBLIC BAPTISM OF ADULTS

Chaplain: Dearly beloved, for as much as all men are conceived and born in sin, (and that which is born of the flesh is flesh), and they that are in the flesh cannot please God, but live in sin, committing many actual transgressions: and that our Saviour Christ said, none can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerated and born anew of water and of the Holy Spirit; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to *these persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they* may be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's Holy Church, and be made lively members of the same.

Let Us Pray (all Kneeling)

Chaplain: Almighty and everlasting God, who of your great mercy did save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also did safely leadthe children of Israel your people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby your Holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan, did sanctify the element of water to the mystical washing away of sin; We beseech you, for your infinite mercies that you will mercifully look upon *these your servants*; wash *them* and sanctify *them* with the Holy Spirit, that *they*, being delivered from your wrath, maybe received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may also pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *they* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with you, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or This

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need the helper of all that flee to you for succor, the life of them that believe

and the resurrection of the dead: We call upon you for *these persons* that *they* coming to the Holy Baptism, may receive remission of *their* sins by spiritual regeneration. Receive *them*, Lord, as you have promised by your well- beloved Son, saying "Ask and you shall receive: seek and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find: open the gate unto us that knock: that *these persons* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of your heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which you have promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All Standing)

Chaplain: Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John in the third chapter, beginning at the first verse

***Answer*:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Chaplain: There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher from God; for no man can do these signs that you do, except God be with him; Jesus answered and said unto him. Verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God, Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto you, you must be born again. The wind blows where it chooses and you hear the sound thereof; but cannot tell whence it comes, and where it goes: so is everyone that is born of the spirit.

***Answer*:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Chaplain: Beloved, you hear in this Gospel the express words of our Saviour Christ, that except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Whereby you

may perceive the great necessity of this sacrament, where it may be had. Likewise, immediately before his ascension into heaven, (as we read in the last chapter of St Mark's Gospel),he gave command to his disciples, saying, Go you into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned. Which also show unto us the great benefit we reap thereby. For which cause St Peter the Apostle, when upon his first preaching of the Gospel, many were pricked at the heart and said to him and the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Replied and said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call, and with many other words exhorted he them, saying, Save yourselves from this outward generation, For (as the same Apostle testified in another place) even Baptism does also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Doubt not therefore, but earnestly believe that he will favourably receive *these present persons* truly representing, and coming unto him by faith; that he will grant *them* remission of *their* sins, and bestow upon *them* the Holy Spirit; that he will give *them* the blessing of eternal life, and make *them partakers* of his everlasting kingdom. Wherefore we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards *these persons* declared by his Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks to him, and say.

Together: Almighty and everlasting God heavenly Father, we give you humble thanks, for that you have vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of your grace, and to have faith in you: increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give your Holy Spirit to *these persons*, That they may be born again, be made (heirs) of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever more. Amen.

The Promise

Chaplain: Well- beloved, who have come here desiring to receive Holy Baptism, you have heard how the congregation have prayed, that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you and bless you, to release you of your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. You have heard also, that our Lord Jesus Christ has promised in his holy word to grant all those things that we have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise in the presence of these your witnesses, and this whole congregation that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's holy word, and obediently keep his commandments.

Chaplain: Do you renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that you will not flow; nor be led by them?

***Answer*: I renounce them all.**

Chaplain: Do you profess the Christian Faith?

***Answer*: I do**

Together: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered Under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sited on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Catholic Church; The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Chaplain: Will you be baptized in this faith?
Answer: **That is my desire.**

Chaplain: Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life?
***Answer*:** **I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper.**

Chaplain: O merciful God, grant that the old Adam in *these persons* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *them*. **Amen.**

Grant that all carnal affections may die in *them* and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. **Amen.**

Grant that *they* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. **Amen.**

Grant that they, being here dedicated to you by our office and ministry, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlasting rewarded, through your mercy, O blessed Lord God, who do live, and govern all things, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

Chaplain: The Lord be with you:
***Answer*:** **And with your spirit.**

Chaplain: Lift up your hearts;
***Answer*:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Chaplain: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Answer: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Chaplain: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give

thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, for that your most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood, and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Regard, we beseech you, the supplications of this congregation; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that the *persons* now to be baptized therein may receive the fullness of your grace and ever remain in the number of your faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. Amen.

The Baptism

Chaplain: …….. I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

We receive this person into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do sign *him/her* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he/she* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his/her* life's end. Amen

The Thanksgiving

Chaplain: Seeing now, dearly beloved brethren, that *these persons are* regenerated, grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits, and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *they* may lead the rest of *their* lives according to this beginning.

(All Kneeling)

Our Father, who is in heaven; hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; Your will be done; on 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 yours is the kingdom; The power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Chaplain: We yield you humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that you have vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of your grace, and to have faith in you; Increase this knowledge, and confirm the faith in us evermore. Give your Holy Spirit to *these persons*; that, being now born again, and made *heirs* of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, they may continue as *servants* and attain your promises; through the same Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. Amen.

(To the Witnesses)

Chaplain: For as much as *these persons* have promised in your presence to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; you must remember, that it is your part and duty to put *them* in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *they have* now made before this congregation, and especially before you *their* chosen witnesses. And you are also to call upon *them* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy word; that so *they* may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world.

(To the Baptised Persons)

Chaplain: And as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the children of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as expected of the children of light, remembering always that Baptism represents unto us our profession; which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died, and rose

again for us: so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Chaplain: 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, now and forevermore. Amen.

THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN

Chaplain: Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God of his goodness to give you safe deliverance, and to preserve you in the great danger of childbirth; you shall therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say:

Psalm 116 – Dilexi Quoniam

1. I am well pleased: that the Lord has heard the voice of my prayer
2. That he has inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3. The snares of death surrounded me and the pains of hell got hold of me.
4. I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech you, deliver my soul.
5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yes, our God is merciful.
6. The Lord preserves the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.
7. Turn again then unto your rest, O my soul: for the Lord has rewarded you.
8. He has delivered my soul from death: my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9. I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.
10. I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was so troubled: I said in my haste, All menare liars.
11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that I have gained from Him?
12. I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.
13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of you children of God. I will praise the Lord.

Chaplain: Glory be to your Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

***People*: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

OR

Psalm 127 – Nisi Dominus

1. Except the Lord builds the house: those that labour have but wasted their time in building.
2. Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman wakes but in vain.
3. It is but lost labour that you haste to rise up early, and so late take rest and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he gives his beloved sleep:
4. Lo, children are the fruit of the womb and: heritage and gift that come from the Lord.
5. Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant: even so are the young children.
6. Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies at the gate.

Chaplain: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

***People*: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

Chaplain: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***People*: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Chaplain: Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Together)

Our Father, which is in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come; your will be done on 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Chaplain: O Lord, save this woman Your servant;
***People*: Who puts her trust in You.**

Chaplain: Be to her a strong tower.
***People*: From the face of her enemies.**

Chaplain: Lord, hear our prayer;
***People*: And let our cry come unto You.**

Chaplain: Let us Pray

O Almighty God, we give you humble thanks for that you have vouchsafed to deliver this woman your servant from the great pain and peril of child birth; Grant, we beseech you, most merciful Father, that she through your help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to your will in this life present; and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face 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.

THE BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

THE RUBRICS

1. *The service of Blessing of Marriage is to dedicate to God a man and his wife who are already joined by native or customary law or traditional way or mode and are living together as a family.*
2. *The service is to be conducted in the church by a priest.*
3. *Other notes on Marriage Service are applicable except the under-mentioned:*
   - *(i) No publishing of Banns of Marriage.*
   - *(ii) The woman should not use white garment and veil but pink dress or native garments.*
   - *(iii) Both the man and his wife process into the church together.*
4. *For an abridged service, activities may be limited to serials 8,9,10,11 and 12.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

1. Bridal March by the Couple
2. Opening Hymn
3. Call to Worship
4. Marriage Exhortation
5. Ministry of the Word
   - a. Old Testament Reading
   - b. Special Rendition
   - c. New Testament Reading
6. Sermon
7. Hymn
8. The Blessing
9. Prayers
10. Signing of Marriage Register
11. Presentation of Marriage Certificate
12. Thanksgiving
13. Notices
14. Concluding Prayers and Benediction
15. Recession

1. **Bridal March**
2. **Opening Hymn**
3. **Call to Worship**
4. **Marriage Exhortation**

Minister: **. . . (H)** and **. . .(W)** you stand in the presence of God as man and wife to dedicate to him your life together, that he may consecrate your marriage and empower you to keep the covenant and promise you have solemnly declared.

The Scriptures teach us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of His grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his church. Marriage is given that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is given, that they may have children and be blessed in caring for them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory. This is the meaning of the marriage you have made.

You now wish to affirm your desire to live as followers of Christ, and you have come to Him, the Fountain of grace, that, strengthened by the prayers of the Church, you may be enabled to fulfill your marriage vows in love and faithfulness.

Let us keep silence and remember God's presence with us now.

5. **Ministry of the Word**
   a. Old Testament Reading
   b. Special Rendition
   c. New Testament Reading
6. **Sermon**
7. **Hymn** (*The couple move to the altar for the blessing)*
8. **The Blessing**

The husband and wife face the Priest

Minister: **. . . (H)** and **. . .(W)** you have committed yourselves to each other in marriage, and your marriage is recognized by law. The Church of Christ understands marriage to be, in the will of God, the union of a man and a woman, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till parted by death. Is this your understanding of the covenant and promise that you have made?

Husband and Wife: **It is.**

The Priest says to the husband
. . ., do you resolve to be faithful to your wife, forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live?

Husband: **That is my resolve, with the help of God.**

The Priest says to the wife:
. . ., do you resolve to be faithful to your husband, forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live?

Wife: **That is my resolve, with the help of God.**

Priest: And what token do you share to represent your love and commitment to each other?

The priest receives the rings. Holding up the rings, the priest says:

The ring is a symbol of wholeness and perfection. It is made of gold, which is a precious and durable metal. What better representation of your feelings for each other.

Then he says:

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to **. . .** and **. . .** a symbol of unending love and faithfulness to remind them of the vow and covenant which they made this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bridegroom places the ring on the fourth finger of the left hand, and holding it there will say:

. . ., I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body, I honour you, all that I am I give you; and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

They loose hands and the Bride places a ring on the fourth finger of the Bridegroom's left hand and holding it there will say:

. . ., I give you this ring as a token of my love and fidelity to you; in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Priest says to the people:

. . . and **. . .** have here affirmed their Christian understanding and resolve in the marriage which they have begun. Will you their relatives and friends do all in your power to uphold them in their marriage?

All: **We will.**

The congregation remains standing. The husband and wife kneel and say together:

Heavenly Father, we offer You our souls and bodies, our thoughts and words and deeds, our love for each other. Unite our wills in Your will, that we may grow together in love and peace all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: May the Almighty God give you grace to persevere, that He may complete in you the work He has already begun, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless and watch over you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace all the days of your life. Amen.

May God make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

9. **Prayers**: *(Two or more of the following prayers may be said).*

Almighty God, You sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of all your people. Open the hearts of these your children to the riches of his grace, that they may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Gift of Children

Heavenly Father, maker of all things you enable us to share in Your work of creation. Bless this couple with the gift and care of children, that their home may be a place of love, security, and truth and their children grow up to know and love You in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Families

Father of all life, whose promise is to be the God of all the families of Your people, give Your grace to **. . .** and **. . .** in their new life together and bless those for whom they care. Enfold them in Your love as they share in their new family, that they grow up in all things into Christ, who gave Himself that all humanity might be made one in him. Amen.

Eternal God, true and loving Father, in holy marriage You make your servants one. May their life together witness to Your love in this troubled world; may unity overcome division, forgiveness heal injury, and joy triumph over sorrow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10. Signing of Marriage Register

11. Presentation of Marriage Certificate

12. Thanksgiving

13. Notices

14. Concluding Prayers and Benediction

May God make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

15. Recession

THE HOLY MATRIMONY

1. Bridal Procession
2. Opening Hymn
3. Introduction and Exhortation
4. Declaration
5. Hymn
6. The Marriage
7. Acclamation
8. Ministry of the Word
9. Hymn
10. Sermon
11. Choir Anthem
12. Psalm 128 (May be chanted)
13. Hymn (To be sung kneeling)
14. Suffrages and Prayers
15. Prayers for the Couple
16. Signing of the Marriage Register
17. Presentation of Marriage Certificates
18. Thanksgiving/Notices/Vote of Thanks
19. Benediction
20. Recessional Hymn

1. Bridal Procession
2. Opening Hymn
3. Introduction and Exhortation

The congregation remains standing as the Bride and Bridegroom stand before the priest.

Then the Priest says:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of God to witness and to celebrate the marriage of **. . . (H)** and **. . .(W)**, to ask His blessing on them to share in their joy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was Himself a Guest at the wedding in Cana of Galilee and He blessed this way of life and through the spirit, He is with us now.

The Scriptures teach us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of Grace; a Holy mystery in which a man and woman becomes one flesh. It is God's purpose that as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in their love as Christ is united with his Church.
Marriage is given primarily that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is also given that with delight and in tenderness, they may know each other in love, and through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. Lastly, it is given that they may have children and be blessed in caring for them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will to His praise and glory.

In marriage, husband and wife belong to one another, and are linked to each other's family and they begin a new life together in the community. This is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly and after serious thought.

Into this way of life **. . . (H)** and **. . .(W)**,come now to be joined. If anyone of you can show just cause why they should not be lawfully married, you must now declare it or forever hold your peace.

If there is no impediment declared, the minister continues.

4. THE DECLARATION

The Priest says to the couple:

. . . (H) and **. . .(W)**,the vows you are about to take are to be made in the name of God and I charge you both, as you will answer before God, who is the judge of all and who knows all the secrets of our hearts that if either of you knows a reason why you may not be lawfully married, you must declare it now.

If there is no impediment declared, the priest says to the Groom:

…(H) of your own free choice, will you take **…(W)**, to be your wife?

Groom: I will

Priest: Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, in sickness and in health, in poverty and prosperity and forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Groom: I will

Then the priest says to the Bride:

… of your own free choice, will you take **…** to be your husband?

Bride: I will

Priest: Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, obey and serve him, in sickness and health, in poverty and prosperity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Bride: I will

5. Hymn

6. The Marriage

Then the priest asks:
Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

The Bride's father comes out and hands over the Bride to the priest saying ***"I do"***

The priest receiving the Bride from his hand shall cause the man to take the woman by her right hand facing each other.

The Bridegroom says:
I . . . take you. . .to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until we are parted by death, according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

They loose hands
The Bride takes the Bridegroom's right hand in hers and says;

I … take you … to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better for worse, for richer for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

They loose hand. The priest continues.

Priest: And what token do you share to represent your love and commitment to each other?

The priest receives the rings. Holding up the rings, the priest says:

The ring is a symbol of wholeness and perfection. It is made of gold, which is a precious and durable metal. What better representation of your feelings for each other.

Then he says:

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these rings be to **. . .** and **. . .** a symbol of unending love and faithfulness to remind them of the vow and covenant which they made this day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bridegroom places the ring on the fourth finger of the left hand, and holding it there will say:

. . . I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body, I honour you, all that I am I give you; and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

They loose hands and the Bride places a ring on the fourth finger of the Bridegroom's left hand and holding it there will say:

. . . I give you this ring as a token of my love and fidelity to you; in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Bridegroom and the Bride kneel, while the congregation remains standing. The priest says:

Eternal God, Creator and preserver of all mankind; Giver of all spiritual grace and Author of everlasting life; send your blessings upon . . . and . . . who we bless in your name; that living faithfully together they may surely fulfill the vow and covenant they have made; of which the rings given and received are token and pledge; and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together; living according to your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest continues:

Now that . . . and . . . have given their consent and made vows to each other before God and this congregation, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings, I declare that they be husband and wife in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The priest joins their hands together and says:

Those whom God has joined together let not man put asunder. Amen.

The Priest blesses them:

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord pour upon you the riches of His grace, that you may faithfully live together and receive the blessings of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says to the parents: (invitation of parents of both sides)

As . . . and . . . enter a new life together, will you their parents given them your blessings in the presence of this congregation?

The parents say to the couple:
May God bless you both. Amen.

The priest may ask the congregation:

You, as friends and families, have come to witness this exchange of vows. Will you do all in your power to support this marriage now and in the years ahead?

People: We will

The congregation remains standing while the couples kneel and the priest blesses them:

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of His grace, that you may please Him both in body and soul; and living together in faith and love, may you receive the blessings of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. The Acclamation

The parents of the Bridegroom or their representatives move forward and the priest says:

In the name of God and in the presence of this congregation, we hand . . . and . . . to you as a full member of your family. Will you promise on behalf of your family to continue to uphold both the husband and wife in your prayer and give them your moral support?

Groom's Parents: We promise in the name of God

The priest then prays for the family.

Eternal God, Creator and Sustainer of us all, give your grace to the family of . . . and . . . . Grant that in the years ahead, they may be united in your love, joy and peace of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

8. Ministry of the Word
9. Hymn
10. Sermon
11. Special Anthems
12. Psalm 128 (*May be chanted as the couple move to the altar*)
13. Hymn: O Perfect Love (*to be sung kneeling)*
14. Suffrages and Prayers

The priest says to the people:

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

Priest: Let us pray; *Lord have mercy upon us*
People: Christ, have mercy upon us

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us. The Lord's Prayer
People: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, save your servant . . . and . . . your handmaid.
People: Who put their trust in you.

Priest: O Lord, send them help from your holy place.
People: And evermore defend them.

Priest: Be unto them a tower of strength.
People: From the face of their enemies.

Priest: O Lord, hear our prayers.
People: And let our cry come unto you.

Priest: O God our Father, bless these your servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts that whatsoever in your Holy Word they may profitably learn, they may indeed fulfill the same, that so, obeying your will, and always being in safety under your protection, they may abide in your love until their lives end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O merciful Lord and heavenly Father by whose gracious gift mankind is increased, bestow we beseech you, upon these two, the heritage and gift of children and grant that they may live together so long in godly love and honesty; that they may see their children and grandchildren Christianly and virtuously brought up to your praise and honour through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15. Prayer for the Couple

The Bride and Bridegroom say together:

All-powerful, ever-living God, we kneel before you very happy but somewhat nervous. We feel you brought us together from the beginning; helped our love grow and at this moment, are with us in a special way. We ask that you stay by our side in the days ahead. Protect us from anything which might harm this marriage. Give us courage when burdens come our way, and teach us to forgive one another when we fall. Amen.

The Groom: I ask from you Lord the assistance I need to be a good husband and father. Never let me take my wife for granted or forget she needs to be loved. Bless us with godly children; I promise to love them, help care for them and give them the best possible example.

The Bride: I ask from you Lord the assistance I need to be a good wife and mother. May I never fail to give my husband encouragement. Bless me with motherhood. I promise to love and care for the children and even to the point of stepping aside when they must walk alone.

The Couple: We ask, finally, that in our old age we may love each other so deeply and cherish one another as much as we do at this very moment. May you grant these wishes which we offer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Heavenly Father, Maker of heaven and earth, you enable us share in your work of creation, bless this couple with the gift and care of children that their home may be a place of love, security, and truth and their children grow up to know and love you and your begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal God, true and loving Father, in holy marriage you made your servants one. May their lives together witness to your love in this troubled world. May unity overcome division, forgiveness heal injury and joy triumph over sorrow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of love, look mercifully upon **. . .** and **. . .** in the new life which they begin together this day. Unite them evermore in your love. Keep them faithful in the vows they have made to each other. Strengthen them with every good gift and let your peace be with them now and always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

16. Signing of the Marriage Register
17. Presentation of Marriage Certificates
18. Thanksgiving/Notices/Vote of Thanks
19. Benediction

. . . (H) and **. . . (W)** may the Lord smile on you as you start your wedlock journey. The Lord favour you and crown your days and years and with goodness and fatness. The Holy Spirit of God ever defend, guide, protect and direct you all the days of your life. The Lord befriend you and make you friends of each other.

May good children add flavor to your marriage. And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest and abide with you both, now and forevermore. Amen.

20. Recessional Hymn

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR BURIAL (MILITARY)

(Part A: Funeral Service)

1. Receiving the Body at the Entrance
2. Sentences/ Procession
3. Hymn
4. Psalm
5. Lesson
6. Hymn
7. Intercession
8. Hymn
9. Sermon
10. Anthem by Choir
11. Offering/ Thanksgiving
12. Announcements/ Closing Remarks/Vote of Thanks
13. Closing Prayer/ Benediction
14. Recessional Hymn

(Part B: At the Grave Side)

1. Hymn
2. Consecration of the Grave/ Sentences
3. Sentence/Prayers
4. Burgle Call – Last Post
5. Reading of Oration by the Rep of the COAS.
6. Lowering of the Deceased/ Casket
7. Reveille/Gun Salute
8. Committal (Earth to Earth, Dust to Dust)
9. Benediction/Grace
10. Covering of the Grave
11. Dismissal

ORDER OF FUNERAL SERVICE

1. Receiving the Body

(The minister shall meet the body at the entrance of the church.)

Priest: With faith in Jesus Christ we receive the body of our father/mother/brother/sister **...** (Name) for burial.
Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life that He will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

(Silence may be kept, after which the priest says)

Deliver **...** (Name) sovereign Lord Jesus Christ from all evil, and set him free from every bond that he may rest with all your saints in eternal habitation where with the Father and the Holy Spirit they live and reign

People: And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Priest: I have set God always before me, for He is on my right hand therefore I shall not fall.

People: Wherefore my heart was glad, and my Glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Priest: For why? You shall not leave my soul in hell: neither shall you suffer your holy one to see corruption.

People: You shall show me the path of life, in your presence is the fullness of joy and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

(The body is taken to the choir steps during which the following sentences will be read interposed with a hymn)

2. Sentences

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, he that believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live and whosoever lives, and believes in me shall never die (*John 11:25, 26)*.

The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms (*Deut 33:27*).

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living (*Rev 7:16; Rom 14:8, 9*).

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions (*John 14:1, 2*).

For I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me (*Job 19:25-27*).

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (*Rom 8:38, 39*).

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works follow them (*Rev 14:13*).

3. Hymn
4. Psalm
5. Lesson
6. Hymn
7. Intercession

Priest: Almighty God who had bound together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, grant we pray you, to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant that all those who have been saved by the death and resurrection of Christ, may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and through your grace we may pass through the gate of death to your joyful resurrection.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant to your people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant to those who mourn, especially the family of **...** *(Name)* a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that casting all their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

People: **Amen**

Priest: Help us we pray in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe as true the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the everlasting life.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant us grace to entrust **...** *(Name)* into your unfailing love, receive him with the arms of your mercy and remember him according to the favour which you have given to your children.

People: Amen

Priest: Grant that increasing in knowledge and love, we may grow from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

People: Amen

8. Hymn

9. Sermon

10. Anthem by Choir

11. Offering/Thanksgiving
12. Announcement/Closing Remarks/Vote of Thanks
13. Closing Prayer/Benediction
14. Recessional Hymn

AT THE GRAVE SIDE

1. Hymn - Sleep on Beloved, Sleep and Take Thy Rest (CH 130)

2. Consecration of the Grave (*Pall bearers and firing party take post***)**

Priest: O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulchre, bless, we pray You, this grave and grant that your servant**...** *(Name)* whose body is to be buried here may dwell with Christ in paradise and may come to your heavenly kingdom, in the name of our Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pall bearers march on with the casket through the firing party.

Casket laid on the grave; pall bearers march off immediately.

3. Sentences

Man that is born of a woman has but a short time to live and is full of misery. He comes up and is cut down like a flower; he flees as it were a shadow, and never continues in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succour, but of You O Lord? Yet, O Lord, God Most Holy, Most Mighty, O Holy and Most Merciful Saviour, deliver us not into bitter pains of eternal death.

You know, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, close not your merciful ears to our prayers, but spare us, Lord Most Holy, O God Most Mighty, O Holy and Merciful Saviour, You most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from you. Amen.

4. Bugle Call : Last Post

5. Reading of Oration : By Rep of COAS

RP Folds Flag: Hands over to RSM

Presentation of Insignia & Condolence Letter from RSM to COAS Rep to NOK

Pall Bearers March in to Lower the Casket

6. Lowering of the Deceased/Casket

7. Reveille/Gun Salute

8. Committal

Priest: For as much as it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of **...** (Name) departed, In faith and in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ we commit his body to the ground:

Earth to Earth
Ashes to Ashes
Dust to Dust.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty work, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, from henceforth blessed are they which die in the Lord; even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, give **. . .** (Name) eternal rest.
People: **Let the light of your countenance shine on him**

Priest: May the soul of those that died in the Lord rest in perfect peace.
People: Amen

Officers file out to salute (final respect).

9. Benediction/Grace

Priest: **.** . . (Name), go forth upon your journey from this world in the name of God the Father who created you.
People: Amen

Priest: In the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for you.
People: Amen

Priest: In the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.
People: Amen

Priest: In communion with the blessed saints and aided by angels and archangels and with the heavenly host. May your portion this day be in peace and your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem, and may your rest be in peace and your dwelling in the paradise of the people of God.
People: Amen

Priest: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with every good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. Amen.

10. Covering of the Grave

11. Dismissal

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WAKE KEEP (MILITARY)

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Hymn
3. Bible Reading
4. Hymn
5. Bible Reading
6. Hymn
7. Bible Reading
8. Hymn
9. Bible Reading
10. Hymn
11. Bible Reading
12. Hymn
13. Bible Reading
14. Hymn
15. Bible Reading
16. Hymn
17. Bible Reading
18. Hymn
19. Bible Reading
20. Hymn
21. Bible Reading
22. Hymn
23. Bible Reading
24. Testimony(ies)
25. Gospel Reading
26. Short Exhortation
27. Closing

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NAMING CEREMONY

1. Opening Prayer
2. Hymn or Choruses
3. Lesson
4. Exhortation
5. Introducing the baby to our items (optional)
6. Giving of Names and Prophetic Declarations
7. Presentation of Gifts
8. Prayers
9. Benediction

DEDICATION OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

During the Organ Prelude, The Newly Elected Council Members shall proceed to the Altar to sing Hymn 296 ***(Take My Life and Let it Be).***

After the Hymn, the Assistant Vicar shall present the Council members to the Vicar while the congregation remains seated.

Assistant Vicar*:* REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, I present to you these persons that have been elected into the Unit Church Council for dedication and prayer.

THE EXAMINATION: *The Vicar shall examine the members of the Council saying:*

Dearly beloved brethren, you are called by God and elected by members of this congregation to serve on the Church Council. The functions of the Council are:

1. To see to the progress of the gospel ministry and to supervise the activities of the various church organizations.

2. To see to the proper care and maintenance of the Church building and Church properties.

3. To exercise the constant care of the poor and the needy and other charitable needs of the Church.

4. To review the church's pastoral, evangelical and financial activities of the past month at every meeting; advice and plan for further activities for the growth of the Church.

Vicar: Are you convinced that the work you are called to do is so important and as Council members, you should be diligent in performing the same?

Answer: **I am so convinced**.

Vicar: Will you faithfully and fervently try to execute the duties of the Church Council, to the best of your ability as unto the Lord and not as unto men?

Answer: **Yes I will.**

Vicar: Will you strive to attend meetings regularly and punctually and contribute honestly to discussions and deliberations of the Council with the sole aim of bringing glory to God and to the building up of His Church?

Answer: **I will so strive, the Lord being my helper.**

Vicar: May God guide and help you in the doing of your words.

Answer: **Amen.**

(The Vicar then addresses the congregation)

Dear people of God, as we thank God for the election of these brethren into the Church Council, let us continue to pray that we will be faithful in our stewardship of the ministries of God. But most especially, let us pray for these brethren, that God will direct them in the work that lies ahead, guiding them in the opportunities that is before them, and granting them grace, wisdom and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vicar: Let us pray

Look graciously, O God upon these your servants and grant them such a sense of thy high calling that they may count no sacrifice too great to make in your vineyard, and bringing a blessing to your

people that they themselves be blessed of thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Council Members Only:

Almighty God, who in your great and tender mercies have called us into the fellowship of your Church and the service of your kingdom; Hear us so as we lift up our hearts to thee to seek your blessing upon us, and the work that we are going to do in this Church. Guide and empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled both to know and to do your will. Help us to show brotherly love one towards another, fill us with zeal to work together for the benefits of your Church in this place and for the advancement of your kingdom, through the world. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Vicar: Let us pray for..... (*name and location of church*).

God our shepherd, give to this Church ..... a new vision and a new mission, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and renewal of her unity, that the eternal message of the son, undefiled by the traditions of men may be hailed as the good news of the new age through him who maketh all things perfect, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Vicar bless the members of the Council thus:

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 now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Then shall the Council members return to their seats while the organ plays a postlude

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY
(Meditation On The Seven Words Of Christ On The Cross)

THE RUBRICS

1. *This service is to hold from 1200Hrs to 1500Hrs which signifies the three hours Christ hung on the Cross (from the sixth hour to the ninth hour)*
2. *Traditionally the Litany is to be chanted, but it may be read where this is not obtainable.*
3. *The hymns are to be carefully chosen from the appropriate Seasonal Hymns for Lent and Holy Week/Passiontide.*
4. *This service is to attempt as much as possible, the mood of the crucifixion in order to attain the solemnity it deserves.*

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1. Procession – In Silence
2. Call to Worship (Extempore)
3. Hymn: Lord in this Thy Mercy's Day (All Kneeling)
4. Collect for the Day
5. Litany (May be Chanted)
6. **First Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do".***
    b. Luke 23: 32-34
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
7. **Second Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***Today, you will be with me in paradise".***
    b. Luke 23:39-43
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation

8. **Third Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***Woman, behold your son! Son behold your mother".***
    b. John 19: 25-27
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
9. **Fourth Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "M***y God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"***
    b. Matthew 27: 45-46
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
10. **Fifth Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***I thirst".***
    b. John 19: 28-29
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
11. **Sixth Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***It is finished".***
    b. John 19: 30
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
12. **Seventh Word of Christ on The Cross**
    a. "***Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit".***
    b. Luke 23: 44-47
    c. Hymn
    d. Meditation
13. Offertory
14. Closing Prayer
15. Recession – In Silence

CHAPLAINCY HYMNS