



**HER MAJESTY'S SHIP
TROUBRIDGE**

Commissioning Service

conducted by

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assisted by

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in the presence of

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the Officers and Ships Company

7th September, 1964

MALTA

The Captain will read the Commissioning Warrant:

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Ensign will be hoisted and the Commissioning Pendant broken:

The Chaplain shall address the Ship's Company and all present in these words

Brothers, seeing that in the course of our duty we are set in the midst of many and great dangers and that we cannot be faithful to the high trust placed in us without the help of Almighty God, let us unite our prayers in seeking His blessing upon this Ship and all who serve in her, that she may sail under God's good providence and protection, and that there may never be lacking men well qualified to offer in her their work and skill for His greater glory, and for the protection of our realm and dominions.

Then shall be sung this hymn:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour! breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

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

Chaplain: The waves of the sea are mighty and rage horribly.

The Ship's Company: But yet the Lord who dwelleth on high is mightier.

THE BLESSING

The Chaplain shall then say : Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

The Ship's Company: Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.

The Ship's Company: And with thy spirit.

The Chaplain

O Thou that sittest above the water floods and stillest the raging of the sea, accept, we beseech Thee, the supplications of Thy servants for all who in this ship, now or hereafter, shall commit their lives to the perils of the deep. In all their ways enable them truly and godly to serve Thee, and by their Christian lives to set forth Thy glory throughout the earth. Watch over them in their going forth and in their coming in, that no evil befall them, nor mischief come nigh to hurt their souls. And so through the waves of this troublesome world, and through all the changes and chances of this mortal life, bring them of Thy mercy to the sure haven of thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, for the sake of His Son, through the comfort of the Holy Ghost, save and sanctify you, and carry you on with favouring winds and comfort over the sea and into harbour, according to His own good will: which thing we desire from Him saying:

Our Father,

O Lord God Almighty, who blessest those who put their trust in Thee, let Thy blessing be upon this ship, and upon all who serve and sail in her: May good success and Thy protection and the guardianship of the holy Angels be with them always. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Chaplain will say the Prayer for the Navy,

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our Island may in peace and quietness serve thee our God; and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land with the fruits of our labours; and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.

Then shall be sung the hymn:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad 'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. Amen.

The Chaplain shall then pronounce the blessing as follows:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Then shall all join in singing:

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN