

*National Anthem*

*The standard is dipped.*

*All* **God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

*Blessing*

*The presiding minister says this or some other blessing.*

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all mankind, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
come down upon you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen**

*A Hymn may be sung as the ministers depart.  
The Standard is returned to the rear of the church,  
or taken to its place of display.*

*Dedication of a Flag or Standard*

*The Gathering*

*A Hymn may be sung as the ministers enter.*

*The presiding minister may say*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

*All* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Words of welcome and introduction may be said.*

*A minister may say*

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to dedicate our *Standard*,  
and to pray for God's blessing on *our Association*.  
On this, *the Lord's Day*, we gather first  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*Prayers of Penitence*

*A minister says this invitation to confession*

Gathered together as God's family,  
let us ask forgiveness from our heavenly Father,  
for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

*All*    **Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The presiding minister says the absolution*

May the Father of all mercies  
cleans *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*    **Amen.**

*A Hymn or Scriptural Song may be sung.*

*Act Of Commitment*

*A minister, or some other person appointed, says*

Let us pledge ourselves anew  
to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage,  
and comfort others,  
and support those working  
for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

*All*    **Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves  
to serve you and all mankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope;  
and keep us faithful  
now and always.  
Amen.**

## ***Dedication of Standard***

*The Standard Bearers approach the chancel step,  
or some other suitable place,  
and stand before the chaplain.*

*A senior association member says to the chaplain:*

Reverend Sir, on behalf of  
*(Name of Association or Organisation)*  
I ask you to bless us,  
and dedicate this new *Standard*.

*The chaplain says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for you call men and women\*  
to live together in community;  
and to form associations  
for the sake of comradeship;  
by your blessing may this *Standard*  
be a symbol of unity and friendship  
to those who assemble in the name it bears:  
may they live in peace and harmony,  
may they walk in truth and justice,  
may they know your love in their hearts,  
and finally come to the fullness of eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*A Corps or Regimental Collect may be said by all,  
or else some other formal prayer of the organisation.*

*\* for Cadets and Youth Organisations  
for you call boys and girls (or young men and women)  
to live and learn together, and to form associations . . .*

*The presiding minister says the Collect for the Day,  
or this or some other Opening Prayer.*

God our creator and redeemer,  
give us grateful hearts and willing hands,  
that we may worthily praise your name,  
and build your Kingdom of peace, justice and love  
among all peoples,  
to the glory of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Bible readings follow.*

*After each reading these words may be used.*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*A Psalm, Canticle or Hymn may be sung.*

*If the Gospel is formally read,  
all remain standing as these words are used:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***The Sermon***

*A Hymn or Gospel Canticle may be sung*

***The Apostles' Creed***

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*The intercession may begin*

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

*These words may be used*

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.  
*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*(or)*

Let us pray to the Lord.  
*All* **Lord have mercy.**

*The Lord's Prayer is introduced to conclude the intercession:*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy 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 those who trespass against  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*A hymn may be sung.*

*A collection may be taken*