

VE-DAY, 1945

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

THE BIDDING.

HYMN—" PRAISE MY SOUL."

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

LESSON.

St. Luke 2, v. 8-14.

Read by Captain C. R. V. PUGH, R.N., Commanding Officer.

PRAYERS.

LORD'S PRAYER.

HYMN—"WAREHAM."

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,
His will obey, Him serve aright;
For thee the saints uplift their voice;
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing
crowned,
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shalt make his home
Until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold;
Remember thou His love of old;
Walk in His way, His word adore,
And keep His truth for evermore.

THE BLESSING.

O Lord our God arise
Scatter our enemies,
And make them fall;
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks.
On thee our hopes we fix.
God save us all.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws
And ever give us cause
To say with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Victory in Europe—V.E. Day

To all the Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Jackdaw" I offer my congratulations and sincere thanks for the very real contribution which each of you at Crail and Dunino has made towards V.E. Day.

Remember always that the greatest offensive weapons of the Navy—her aircrew and her aircraft—are forged into a fighting unit at Crail.

Remember also that without Reserves of material no modern war can be fought.

To Dunino goes the credit of providing these Reserves—and well she does it.

And finally, remember that our brothers are still fighting on in the Pacific and our Duty Calls us to continue to give them really good aircrews so that they can finish the job without delay.

Let us therefore thank God for deliverance from our enemies in Europe and pray God for strength to continue till Duty is done—

Total Victory in Tokio.

Good luck to you all,

Captain.