

*Mass Intention: The People and the Mission of the Royal Air Force*

ENTRANCE HYMN

O ruler of the earth and sky be with our airmen when they fly;  
and keep them in thy loving care amid the perils of the air.  
O let our cry come unto thee for those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong Son of Man, save those who fly swift-winged across th'uncharted sky;  
each anxious hour and lonely flight, serene, unchallenged, day and night.  
O'er land and ocean safely bear all those in peril in the air.

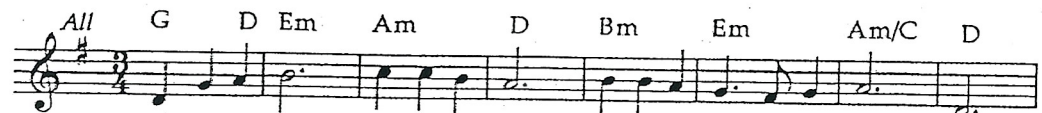
O Holy Spirit, God's own power give peace in sudden danger's hour;  
bring calm of heart, and be thou near to those who watch and those who fear.  
To thee will rise the grateful prayer of those who serve thee in the air.

O Trinity of love and grace, true guide of all who fly through space,  
in peace ad war, mid friend or foe, be with them whereso'er they go.  
So shall our praise with heaven's blend and joyful hearts to thee ascend.

GLORIA

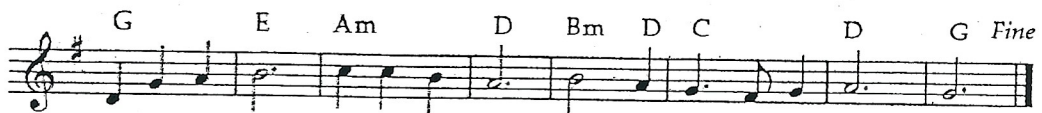
Refrain

All G D Em Am D Bm Em Am/C D



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,

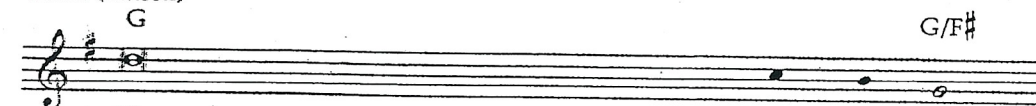
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and on earth peace, and on earth peace, peace to peo-ple of good will.

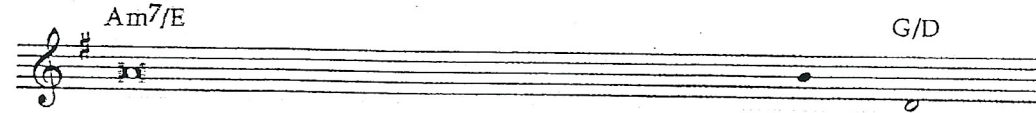
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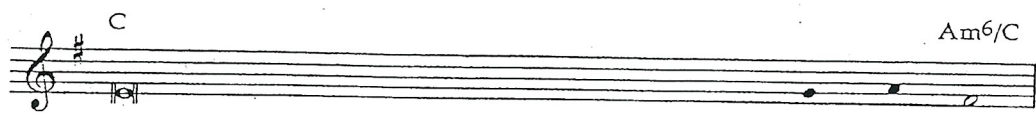
We Lord Jesus Christ, praise Only Be - got - ten Son,  
For you alone are the Holy One,

Am7/E G/D



we Lord God, adore Lamb of God, you, Son of the Father,  
you alone are the Lord,

C Am6/C



we you take away the sins of the world, give you thanks  
you alone are the Most High, have mercy on us;

Em7 Am6/E

for you take away the sins of the world, receive great glory,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, prayer;

Cmaj9/G G/F#

Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 in the glory of God the Father.

Am7/E Dsus4 Am7 D *to Refrain*

O God, almight - y Father.  
 have mercy on us.  
 Amen, a - men.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven! To his feet your tribute bring.  
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praise should sing?  
 Praise him! Praise him! 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! Praise him! Praise him!  
 Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
 in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
 Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!  
 Widely as 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 him! Praise him!  
 Praise with us the God of grace!

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Host.

Heav - en and earth are full of your



18 glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

22 Bless - ed is He, who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sav-iour of the world — for by your

5 Cross and Res ur - rec - tion, you have set us free.

### GREAT AMEN

5 A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

### AGNUS DEI

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6 Lamb of God, you take a - way the

8 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. —

11

13 Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace. —

## COMMUNION HYMN

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? ...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

### *Collect of the Royal Air Force*

Almighty God, who has promised that they who wait upon thee shall renew their strength and mount up with wings, as eagles, we commend to thy Fatherly protection all who serve in the Royal Air Force. Uplift and support us in our endeavour, that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lord King Charles and a sure defence to our homeland. Help us to fulfil our several duties with honour, goodwill and integrity, and grant that we may prove to be worthy successors of those who by their valour and sacrifice did nobly save their day and generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.