

## **Guild Sunday**

1. Guild Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of October in all Protestant Chapels. In extenuating circumstances, the service may be held on another Sunday in October, but every effort should be made to celebrate on the designated Sunday.
2. The service is to be prepared by a specified Guild, selected at the National Conference.
3. The service must conform to the format outlined for use in the CF Protestant Chapels by the Canadian Council of Churches' Committee on Chaplain Service in the Forces.
4. The Guild Sunday Service is required to be submitted to the Principal Chaplain (P) by the Guild Chaplain Advisor via the National Guild President by the end of February each year for review.
5. Following review by the Principal Chaplain (P), the National Guild President will distribute to the Guild Presidents while the Chaplain Advisor will ensure the service is distributed to all CLCs and Chapels with instructions.
6. Wherever possible, the Chaplains are encouraged to invite the Guild members to conduct this service in their chapel. Outside speakers may be invited, but Guilds are encouraged to use their own resources.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **Approach to Worship**

A Musical Prelude or Introit (Optional)

Welcome & Introduction of Guild Service – by Guild President

Invitation to Worship

The service begins with one or more sentences of Scripture or other appropriate sung or spoken words.

Hymn

Which may be used as a processional.

Opening Prayer

Prayers of invocation, approach and/or adoration may be offered.

Invitation to Confession

The leader calls the people to confess their sins.

Prayer of Confession

Silence may be kept for private reflection as part of the confession.

The Absolution/Assurance of Pardon - by a Chaplain

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer may be used here or following the Pastoral Prayers/Prayers of the People.

Children's Hymn

Children's Time

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

The First Reading (Readings should be reflective of women in the Bible)

The readings may be followed by silence, psalms or hymns.

The Psalm

The psalm may be read or sung and the Gloria Patri may be used at the conclusion.

The Second Reading

The Gospel

Reflection/Meditation

Hymn

## Our Christian Response

### A Confession of Faith (Creed)

Standing together all will say the Apostles' Creed or an appropriate alternate Creed/Confession of Faith.

### The Offering

An offering may be received during a musical selection or singing of a hymn and may be followed by a prayer of dedication.

### The Prayers

Thanksgiving, Intercessory, Pastoral Prayers of the People may be offered.

Guild Prayer – said by Guild members gathered in front of the altar

### Hymn

Benediction/Dismissal – by a Chaplain

Chaplains and Guild proceed out together

Note: If a chaplain is not participating in the service ask the chaplain which changes need to be made/if any in the wording for The Absolution/Assurance of Pardon and the Benediction/Dismissal so a layperson can do them.