



The
HANDOVER CEREMONY

Of
HMS BERKELEY

To the Hellenic Navy

As
HS KALLISTO

At Portsmouth

28 February 2001



**“Zeus in the Guise of Artemis seducing the Nymph Kallisto”
Painting by the 18th century artist Jacob De Witt (1695-1754).**

Ceremony Conducted by:

**Lt Cdr A Rolph Royal Navy
Commanding Officer HMS BERKELEY**

and

**Lt Cdr R Salvetas Hellenic Navy
Commanding Officer HS Kallisto**

and

**The Reverend N Pnematicatos MA Royal Navy
Chaplain Commodore MFP (South)**

and

**His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios
of Thyateira and Great Britain**

In the presence of

**Rear Admiral J G Tolhurst CB
Military Deputy to the Head of Defence
Export Services**

**His Excellency Mr A Sandis
The Ambassador of Greece**

Commodore K Kanavariotis Hellenic Navy

**Commodore A J S Taylor CBE
Chief Executive of the Disposal Services Agency**

Music provided by

**The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, Portsmouth
Under the direction of WOII Chris Gould LRSM Royal Marines**

Programme of Events

- 1050 All guests to be seated.
- 1058 Commodore Kanavariotis Hellenic Navy arrive.
- 1100 Rear Admiral J G Tolhurst CB, Military Deputy to Head of Defence Export Services Organisation arrive.
- O/a Rear Admiral Tolhurst CB takes the salute and inspects both Ship's Companies.
- 1105 Welcoming Address by LT Cdr A Rolph RN, Commanding Officer HMS BERKELEY.
- 1110 Service of Thanksgiving and Decommissioning.
- 1120 Decommissioning Address by Rear Admiral Tolhurst CB.
- O/C Ceremony of Lowering the Ensign and Jack (Guests stand, those in uniform salute)

Hellenic Navy Commissioning Ceremony

- 1130 Blessing of the Ship and Company
HE Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain
- 1145 Hellenic Navy Ship's Company embark in HS Kallisto
- 1150 Address by Lt Cdr R Salvetas
Commanding Officer HS Kallisto
- 1155 The Ceremony of Colours
(Guests stand, those in uniform salute)
- 1157 Signing of the Hand Over Certificate to take place
on the jetty.
- 1200 Address by Commodore Kanavariotis
Hellenic Navy
- 1205 Lt Cdr R Salvetas HN embarks on board HS KALLISTO
- 1207 March past of the ship's company of HMS BERKELEY
March past of the Band of the Royal Marines Portsmouth
- O/C VIPs embark in HS Kallisto
- O/C Invited guests to Reception

KALLISTO MYTH

This is the 1st ship in the Hellenic Navy to bear the name. A Greek mythological figure, nymph Kallisto was a favorite companion of the virgin goddess Artemis. Kallisto had vowed to remain chaste, and to follow in the ways of Artemis. She accompanied Artemis while hunting and was her constant companion. Zeus (King of gods) caught a glimpse of the beautiful Kallisto and, of course, fell in love with her. Knowing that Artemis had warned Kallisto of the deceitful ways of men and gods, Zeus cleverly disguised himself as Artemis ("Zeus in the Guise of Artemis seducing the Nymph Kallisto", a painting by the 18th century artist Jacob De Witt, illustrates this scene). He then seduced Kallisto, and Kallisto conceived a child.

When Kallisto's condition was revealed to Artemis by jealous competitors for Artemis's attentions, Kallisto was forced out of the company of Artemis. She bore a boy child named Arcas. When Zeus's wife Juno saw this evidence of Zeus's infidelity she became enraged, and changed Kallisto into a bear. Kallisto was ashamed and afraid, and fled into the woods, not to see her son for many years.

One day, when Kallisto's son Arcas was a young man, he decided to go hunting, and went into the woods where his mother Kallisto lived. Kallisto saw her son, whom she had not seen for many years. She forgot she was a bear, and rushed forward to embrace her son. Arcas only saw a bear rushing down on him. He lifted his bow and shot an arrow at the beast. At the last moment Jupiter intervened and placed Kallisto and her son in the heavens as the constellations Ursa Major and Ursa Minor, the big and little bears. Parts of these constellations are also known as the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper.

HMS BERKELEY

HMS BERKELEY is the 12th of 13 Hunt Class Mine Counter measures vessels for the Royal Navy. Designed and built to minimise the magnetic and acoustic signature, the ships are constructed from Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP), are 60 metres in length and displace 675 tonnes. Capable of both mine hunting using a high definition sonar, and mine sweeping employing mechanical or influence sweeps, the Hunt Class provides a modern and highly effective counter to the threat of sea mines.

The 1st HMS BERKELEY was a Type 1 Hunt Class Destroyer, commissioned in June 1940. She joined the 1st Destroyer Flotilla at Portsmouth and was involved in convoy protection duties and anti-shipping sweeps in the Channel and North Sea. On 19 August 1942 she was heavily bombed whilst supporting the landings at Dieppe. After her survivors were rescued, the ship was sunk by torpedoes fired from her sister ship HMS ALBRIGHTON.

The present HMS BERKELEY was launched on December 3 1986 and accepted into service on 20 November 1987. She took part in mine clearance operations in the Gulf following the Gulf war and, more recently, has been involved in fishery protection duties around the United Kingdom.

DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Brief introduction by The Reverend Nicholas Pnematicatos MA Royal Navy

(Remain seated)

HYMN

(Stand)

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices
Who wonderous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore:
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore, Amen

THE READING

(Sit)

Psalm 107:23-31 (The Sailor's Psalm)

Read by

They that go down to the sea in ships and occupy themselves in great waters, these men see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep. For at his command, the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the deep; their soul melteth away because of the trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distress. He maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then they are glad because they are at peace and he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

THE PRAYERS

(Sit)

Led by The Reverend Nicholas Pnematicatos MA Royal Navy

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, the Creator and upholder of all, who hast in every age inspired thy servants with courage and skill; we give thee thanks for the example of those who have gone before us; for the seamen of our nation; for all who in great or small ships have braved the perils of the deep – especially all who have served in this ship and for all who have given their lives for this country. For ourselves, we thank thee for thy guiding hand, for thy strength to us who have been watchful at our posts. We thank thee for all who have contributed to the well being of this ship and her company and for the part we have played in helping to further the cause of peace in the world. In our new tasks, now allotted to us, make us ever mindful of the needs of others, sharing our joys and bearing their burdens in the work which thou hast given us to do; and keep us always in thy love and peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

O Lord, when thy givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished that yeildeth the true glory, through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life: our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

O Lord Almighty, bless us as we go our different ways: may good success and thy protection and the guardianship of thy Saints and Holy Angels be with us wherever we go. In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Stand)

Let us pray, and say together in English and Greek

ALL

Our Father which art thou 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 us,
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.

THE NAVAL PRAYER

Led by Chaplain and said by all
(Stand)

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea: who has 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 of the air, 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 such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our islands and Commonwealth, 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.

THE NAVAL HYMN

(Stand)

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

THE BLESSING

(Stand)

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, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

COMMISSIONING

CEREMONY

The following is an English translation of the service. Please remain seated. However, when Chaplain Commodore MFP stands please follow.

The Ceremony for Blessing a Boat

The Deacon, having received the blessing of the Archbishop, begins:

Master, give the blessing

The Archbishop proclaims:

Blessed is our God, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

The people (or the choir) reply:

Amen.

There are then sung the following Troparia:

O Lord our God, by the prayers of your Saints, direct the work of our hands and, by pleasing you in all things, make us worthy.

St Nicholas, we who sail the vast sea all have you as protector; bless in all things our work and life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord our God, through the supplications of the Mother of God, direct the work of our hands; and therefore we raise to You the hymn of the Angels.

Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Strong, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us.

The Deacon then proclaims:

Let us attend.

The Reader:

Confess the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters.

The Deacon:

Wisdom.

The Reader:

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (*Chapter 27, verses 2-8*)

The Deacon:

Let us attend.

The Reader:

In those days, embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, and allowed him to go to his friends to be cared for. Putting out to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. After we had sailed across the sea that is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship bound for Italy and put us on board. We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived without difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind was against us, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. Sailing past it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

The Archbishop:

Peace to you who have read.

The people (or the choir) respond:

Alleluia (three times)

The Deacon then proclaims:

Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

The Archbishop:

Peace to all.

The People (or the choir) reply:

And to your spirit.

The Archbishop:

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (*Chapter 5, verses 1-3*)

The Deacon:

Let us attend.

The People (or the choir) reply:

Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You.

The Archbishop:

At that time, while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

The People (or the choir) proclaim:

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

The Deacon then prays:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

The People (or the choir) reply:

Lord, have mercy. *And so after each petition.*

The Deacon:

For the peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Archbishop GREGORIOS, the honoured order of presbyters, for the diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, the Royal Family, her Government, and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

That this water may be hallowed by the might and the operation and the descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

That this ship may be preserved both secure and unharmed, having our Saviour Christ as its pilot and navigator, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who rightly sail in it, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and constraint, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, with all the Saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

The People (or the choir) reply:

To You, O Lord.

The Archbishop:

For to you belong all glory, honour and worship, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

The People (or the choir) reply:

Amen.

The Archbishop:

Peace to all.

The People (or the choir) reply:

And to your spirit.

The Deacon:

Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

The People (or the choir) reply:

To You, O Lord.

The Archbishop then prays (in a low voice):

Bow down Your ear and listen to us, O Lord, Who deigned to be baptised in the river Jordan, and there sanctified the water. Bless us all who by the bowing of our heads do show forth our outward appearance that we are Your servants. Grant that we may be filled with Your sanctification through the partaking of this water and being sprinkled with it, and let it be for us, O Lord, for the health of soul and body.

Raising his voice, he concludes:

For You are the sanctification of our souls and bodies, and to You do we give glory, thanksgiving and worship together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life giving Spirit, always, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

The People (or the choir) respond:

Amen.

The Archbishop then immerses the Holy and Venerable Cross in the water, chanting three times the following Troparion in the first tone:

Lord, save Your people, and bless your inheritance, granting to faithful Christians victories over their enemies, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

In continuation, he first sprinkles the sanctified water on the boat in the form of the Cross and then sprinkles the Faithful, chanting the following Troparion in the second tone:

Make us worthy of your gifts, O Virgin Mother of God, overlooking our transgressions; give healing through faith to them that accept your blessing, O Spotless One.

When this is completed, the Deacon proclaims:

Let us pray to the Lord.

The People (or the choir) reply:

To You, O Lord.

The Archbishop then prays:

We glorify You, Lord, Almighty and all-skilled Creator, Whom all creation hymns and glorifies to the ages. For You made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. You made a separation between the dry land and the water, and you called the dry land 'Earth' and the gatherings of the waters You called 'Seas'. You placed the cloud as a cloak for the sea, You wrapped it in mist and fenced it with gates and set boundaries for it and barriers. You rule over the might of the waves. You

stir up the depths of the sea and You tame the surging of its waves. Every water and every creature hastens to serve Your creative Word, as when in the beginning, at the voice of Your command, or rather at the decision of Your will, all things came into being. We glorify You, the all-powerful creator, and we give You thanks, our good Master Who loves mankind. Why did your master craftsmanship contemplate the works of Your hands as exceeding fair, if not because Your fartherly goodness had appointed them to serve our life? For You fashioned humanity and placed it as sovereign of creation and You gave us wisdom and taught us sciences and arts, that through them we might be lords of the earth. Truly very good are the ranks of the heavenly Powers, for the holy Angels serve those who are to inherit salvation; very good are the good things of the earth, for through them bodily life is preserved and progresses; very good too is the sea, for without the sea there would have been no showers and rains and on the face of the earth no drinkable water; very good is the sea, for the wealth that is in it serve us, it links together the continents that are widely separated, providing unhindered communication for those who sail on it, through whom it becomes the cause of fellowship and wealth for mankind. And so we too today, as we perform the dedication of this ship and glorify You, Who brought us out of non-existence into being, and give You thanks for what You have done for our life and salvation, pray and beseech You. Lord God, our heavenly Father, pilot of the universe, come with us through Jesus the Saviour, and be the pilot and navigator of this ship, and be the fellow voyager and protector of those who sail in it; for thus when He was on earth, our Saviour walked on the surface of the sea as He hurried on to the help of His disciples, and He rebuked the winds and the sea and there came a great calm. May He, our Saviour Who loves mankind, bless this new-acquired ship, all that is in it, from prow to stern, and in the hold, the engines and the propellers, the joints and the ropes, the decks and the masts, and preserve all these unharmed and undamaged; for in this way the ark, which had been constructed in accordance with Your command, by Your blessing survived the waters and saved the righteous Noah and his companions from the Flood. Lord of Powers, command your Angels, who stand at the four corners of the earth and control the four winds, that they never harm the sea on which this ship is about to sail. Guard its men and its crews and give them a good and peaceful Angel guardian. Yes, Lord, grant us and all who pray with us Your rich mercies, for You always generously grant all those who call on You with faith Your spiritual and material good things, in accordance with the wealth of the goodness and grace or our Saviour Jesus Christ, with Whom You are glorified with the Holy Spirit to the ages of ages.

The People (or the choir) reply:

Amen

The Archbishop:

Glory to you, O God, our hope. Glory to You.

The Reader:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*three times*). Master give the blessing.

The Archbishop:

May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His all pure and holy Mothers, of the holy, glorious and all-praised Apostles, of Saint Nicholas bishop of Myra in Lycia the wonderworker and protector of all those who go down to the sea in ships, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

The Priests:

Through the prayers of our holy Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

The People (or the choir) conclude:

Amen.