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THE FORM AND
ORDER OF THE SERVICE



THAT IS TO BE PERFORMED
AND THE CEREMONIES THAT
ARE TO BE OBSERVED IN THE

CORONATION
OF THEIR MAJESTIES
KING GEORGE VI
&
QUEEN ELIZABETH

IN THE
Abbey Church of S. Peter

WESTMINSTER

ON WEDNESDAY
THE 12TH DAY OF MAY

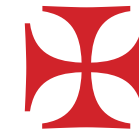
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THE FORM AND ORDER OF THEIR MAJESTIES CORONATION

In the morning upon the day of the Coronation early, care is to be taken that the Ampulla be filled with Oil and, together with the Spoon, be laid ready upon the Altar in the Abbey-Church.

I. The Preparation

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The Litany shall be sung as the Dean and Prebendaries and the Choir of Westminster proceed from the Altar to the West Door of the Church.

The Archbishops and Bishops Assistant being already vested in their Copes, the Procession shall be formed immediately outside of the West Door of the Church, and shall wait till notice is given of the approach of their Majesties, and shall then begin to move into the Church.

II. The Entrance into the Church

The King and Queen, as soon as they enter at the West Door of the Church, are to be received with the following Anthem, to be sung by the Choir of Westminster.

Psalm cxxii. 1-3, 6, 7

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

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The King and Queen shall in the mean time pass up the Body of the Church, into and through the Choir, and so up the stairs to the Theatre; and having passed by their Thrones, they shall make their humble adoration, and then kneeling at the Faldstools set for them before their Chairs of Estate on the South side of the Altar, use some short private prayers; and after, sit down in their Chairs.

The King and Queen being so placed, the Archbishop, together with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Great Chamberlain, Lord High Constable, and Earl Marshal (Garter King of Arms preceding them), shall go to the East side of the Theatre, and after, shall go to the other three sides in this order, South, West, and North, and at every of the four sides the Archbishop shall with a loud voice speak to the People: And the King in the mean while, standing up by his Chair, shall turn and shew himself unto the People at every of the four sides of the Theatre, as the Archbishop is at every of them, the Archbishop saying:

Sirs, I here present unto you King GEORGE, your undoubted King: Wherefore All you who are come this day to do your Homage and Service, Are you willing to do the same?

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III. The Recognition

The People signify their willingness and joy, by loud and repeated acclamations, all with one voice crying out,

God save King George.

Then the Trumpets shall sound.

The Bible, Paten, and Chalice shall be brought by the Bishops who had borne them, and placed upon the Altar.

The Lords who carry in procession the Regalia, except those who carry the Swords, shall come near to the Altar, and present in order every one what he carries to the Archbishop, who shall deliver them to the Dean of Westminster, to be by him placed upon the Altar.

IV. Then shall the Archbishop go to the King, and
The Oath standing before him, administer the Coronation Oath, first asking the King,

Sir, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

And the King answering,

I am willing,

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The Archbishop shall minister these questions; and the King, having a book in his hands, shall answer each Question severally as follows:

Archbishop Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, of your Possessions and the other Territories to any of them belonging or pertaining, and of your Empire of India, according to their respective Laws and Customs?

King I solemnly promise so to do.

Archbishop Will you to your power cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all your Judgements?

King I will.

Archbishop Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God

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and the true Profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by Law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the Settlement of the Church of England, and the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government thereof, as by Law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such Rights and Privileges, as by Law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?

King All this I promise to do.

Then the King arising out of his Chair, supported as before, and assisted by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Sword of State being carried before him, shall go

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to the Altar, and there being uncovered, make his Solemn Oath in the sight of all the People to observe the Premises: Laying his right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the Great Bible (which was before carried in the Procession and is now brought from the Altar by the Archbishop, and tendered to him as he kneels upon the steps), saying these words:

The Bible to be brought

The things which I have here before promised, I will perform, and keep. So help me God.

Then the King shall kiss the Book and sign the Oath.

and a Silver Standish

The King having thus taken his Oath, shall return again to his Chair, and the Archbishop shall go to him and minister the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament, and his Majesty shall make, subscribe and audibly repeat the same. This done, the Archbishop shall return to the Altar and begin the Communion Service.

THE INTROIT

Let my prayer come up into thy presence as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

V. The Beginning of the Communion Service

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Then the Archbishop shall begin the Communion Service, saying:

The Lord be with you.

Answer

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Grant unto this thy servant GEORGE, our King, the Spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with all his heart, he may so wisely govern, that in his time thy Church and people may continue in safety and prosperity; and that, persevering in good works unto the end, he may through thy mercy come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

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liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **R** Amen.

THE EPISTLE

To be read by one of the Bishops

1 S. Peter ii. 13

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

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THE GOSPEL

To be read by another Bishop, the King and Queen
with the People standing

S. Matthew xxii. 15

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them,

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Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's: and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

Then shall be sung the Creed following, the King and Queen with the People standing, as before

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy

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Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The Creed being ended, both the King and the Queen kneeling at their Faldstools, the Archbishop shall begin the Hymn, *VENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS*, and the Choir shall sing it out. VI. The Anointing

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls
inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at
home:
Where thou art guide, no ill can
come.

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Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This being ended, the Archbishop shall say this Prayer:

OLORD, Holy Father, who by anointing with Oil didst of old make and consecrate kings, priests, and prophets, to teach and govern thy people Israel: Bless and sanctify thy chosen servant GEORGE, who by our office and ministry is now to be anointed with this Oil, [*here the Archbishop is to lay his hand upon the Ampulla*] and consecrated King: Strengthen him, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter; Confirm and stablish him with thy free and princely Spirit, the

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Spirit of wisdom and government, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill him, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever.

R Amen.

This Prayer being ended, the Choir shall sing:

1 Kings i, 39, 40

Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king; and all the people rejoiced and said: God save the king, Long live the king, May the king live for ever. Amen. Hallelujah.

In the mean time, the King rising from his devotions, having been disrobed of his Crimson Robe by the Lord Great Chamberlain, and having taken off his Cap of State, shall go before the Altar, supported and attended as before.

The King shall sit down in King Edward's Chair (placed in the midst of the Area over against the Altar, with a Faldstool before it), wherein he is to be anointed. Four Knights of the Garter shall hold over him a rich Pall

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of Silk, or Cloth of Gold: the Dean of Westminster, taking the Ampulla and Spoon from off the Altar, shall hold them ready, pouring some of the Holy Oil into the Spoon, and with it the Archbishop shall anoint the King in the form of a Cross:

I On the Palms of both the Hands, saying,

Be thy Hands anointed with Holy Oil.

II On the Breast, saying,

Be thy Breast anointed with Holy Oil.

III On the Crown of the Head, saying,

Be thy Head anointed with Holy Oil, as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed:

And as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so be you anointed, blessed, and consecrated King over the Peoples, whom the Lord your God hath given you to rule and govern, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Then shall the Dean of Westminster lay the Ampulla and Spoon upon the Altar; and the King kneeling down at the Faldstool, the Archbishop standing shall say this Blessing over him:

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who by his Father was anointed with the Oil of gladness above his fellows, by his Holy Anointing pour down upon your Head and Heart the blessing of the Holy Ghost, and prosper the works of your Hands: that by the assistance of his heavenly grace you may preserve the people committed to your charge in wealth, peace, and godliness; and after a long and glorious course of ruling a temporal kingdom wisely, justly, and religiously, you may at last be made partaker of an eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

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This Prayer being ended, the King shall arise and sit down again in King Edward's Chair, while the Knights of the Garter give back the pall to the Lord Chamberlain; whereupon the King again arising, the Dean of Westminster shall put upon his Majesty the Colobium Sindonis and the Supertunica or Close Pall of Cloth of Gold, together with a Girdle of the same. Then shall the King again sit down.

VII. The Presenting of the Spurs and Sword, and the Girding and Oblation of the said Sword

The Spurs shall be brought from the Altar by the Dean of Westminster, and delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain; who, kneeling down, shall touch his Majesty's heels therewith, and send them back to the Altar.

Then the Lord, who carries the Sword of State, delivering to the Lord Chamberlain the said Sword (which is thereupon deposited in the Traverse in Saint Edward's Chapel) shall receive from the Lord Chamberlain, in lieu thereof, another Sword, in a Scabbard of Purple Velvet, provided for the King to be girt withal, which he shall deliver to the Archbishop; and the Archbishop shall lay it on the Altar, saying the following Prayer:

HEAR our prayers, O LORD, we beseech thee, and so direct and support thy servant King GEORGE, who is now to be girt with this

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Sword, that he may not bear it in vain; but may use it as the minister of God for the terror and punishment of evil-doers, and for the protection and encouragement of those that do well, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Then shall the Archbishop take the Sword from off the Altar, and deliver it into the King's Right Hand, the Archbishop of York and the Bishops of London and Winchester and other Bishops assisting, and going along with him; and, the King holding it, the Archbishop shall say:

Receive this Kingly Sword, brought now from the Altar of God, and delivered to you by the hands of us the Bishops and servants of God, though unworthy.

The King standing up, the Sword shall be girt about him by the Lord Great Chamberlain; and then, the King sitting down, the Archbishop shall say:

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With this Sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order: that doing these things you may be glorious in all virtue; and so faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ in this life, that you may reign for ever with him in the life which is to come.

Then the King, rising up, shall ungird his Sword, and, going to the Altar, offer it there in the Scabbard, and then return and sit down in King Edward's Chair: and the Peer, who first received the Sword, shall offer the price of it, namely, one hundred shillings, and having thus redeemed it, shall receive it from the Dean of Westminster, from off the Altar, and draw it out of the Scabbard, and carry it naked before his Majesty during the rest of the solemnity.

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Then the Bishops who have assisted during the offering shall return to their places.

Then the King arising, the Armill and Robe Royal or Pall of Cloth of Gold shall be delivered by the Officer of the Great Wardrobe to the Dean of Westminster, and by him put upon the King, standing; the Lord Great Chamberlain fastening the Clasps. Then shall the King sit down and the Orb with the Cross shall be brought from the Altar by the Dean of Westminster and delivered into the King's Hand by the Archbishop, pronouncing this Blessing and Exhortation:

VIII. The Investing with the Armill and Royal Robe, and the Delivery of the Orb

Receive this Imperial Robe, and Orb; and the Lord your God endue you with knowledge and wisdom, with majesty and with power from on high; the Lord embrace you with his mercy on every side; the Lord cloath you with the Robe of Righteousness, and with the garments of salvation. And when you see this Orb thus set under the Cross, remember that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer.

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Then shall the King deliver his Orb to the Dean of Westminster, to be by him laid on the Altar.

IX. The Investiture per Annulum et Baculum

Then the Keeper of the Jewel House shall deliver to the Archbishop the King's Ring, in which a Table Jewel is enchased: the Archbishop shall put it on the Fourth Finger of his Majesty's Right Hand, and say:

Receive this Ring, the ensign of Kingly Dignity, and of Defence of the Catholic Faith; and as you are this day solemnly invested in the government of an earthly kingdom, so may you be sealed with that Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of an heavenly inheritance, and reign with him who is the blessed and only Potentate, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Dean of Westminster bring the Sceptre with the Cross and the Sceptre with the Dove to the Archbishop.

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The Glove, presented by the Lord of the Manor of Worksop, being put on, the Archbishop shall deliver the Sceptre with the Cross into the King's Right Hand, saying:

Receive the Royal Sceptre, the ensign of kingly power and justice.

And then he shall deliver the Sceptre with the Dove into the King's Left Hand, and say:

Receive the Rod of Equity and Mercy: and God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, direct and assist you in the administration and exercise of all those powers which he hath given you. Be so merciful that you be not too remiss; so execute Justice that you forget not Mercy. Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way wherein they should go.

The Lord of the Manor of Worksop may support his Majesty's Right Arm.

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X. The
Putting on of
S. Edward's
Crown

The Archbishop, standing before the Altar, shall take the Crown into his hands, and laying it again before him upon the Altar, he shall say:

O GOD, the Crown of the faithful: Bless we beseech thee and sanctify this thy servant GEORGE our King: and as thou dost this day set a Crown of pure Gold upon his Head [here the King must be put in mind to bow his head] so enrich his Royal Heart with thine abundant grace, and crown him with all princely virtues: through the King Eternal Jesus Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

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Then the King still sitting in King Edward's Chair, the Archbishop, assisted with other Bishops, shall come from the Altar: the Dean of Westminster shall bring the Crown, and the Archbishop taking it of him shall reverently put it upon the King's Head. At the sight whereof the People, with loud and repeated shouts, shall cry,

God save the King.

The Peers and the Kings of Arms shall put on their Coronets; and the Trumpets shall sound, and by a Signal given, the great Guns at the Tower shall be shot off.

The Acclamation ceasing, the Archbishop shall go on, and say:

GOD crown you with a Crown of Glory and Righteousness, that by the ministry of this our benediction, having a right faith and manifold fruit of good works, you may obtain the Crown of an

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everlasting kingdom by the gift of him whose kingdom endureth for ever.

R Amen.

Then shall the Choir sing:

Be strong and play the man: Keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

XI. The Presenting of the Holy Bible

Then shall the Dean of Westminster take the Holy Bible from off the Altar, and deliver it to the Archbishop, who shall present it to the King, first saying these words to him:

Our Gracious King: we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God.

Then shall the King deliver back the Bible to the Archbishop, who shall give it to the Dean of West-

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minster, to be reverently placed again upon the Holy Altar; and the Archbishop of York and the Bishops shall return to their places.

And now the King having been thus anointed and crowned, and having received all the Ensigns of Royalty, the Archbishop shall solemnly bless him: And the Archbishop of York and all the Bishops, with the rest of the Peers, shall follow every part of the Benediction with a loud and hearty Amen.

XII. The Benediction

THE Lord bless you and keep you: and as he hath made you King over his people, so may he prosper you in this world, and make you partake of his eternal felicity in the world to come. **R** Amen.

THE Lord give you fruitful Lands and healthful Seasons; victorious Fleets and Armies, and a quiet Empire; a faithful Senate, wise and upright Counsellors and Magistrates, a loyal Nobility, and a dutiful Gentry; a pious and learned

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and useful Clergy; an honest, peaceable, and obedient Commonalty.

R Amen.

Then shall the Archbishop turn to the People and say:

AND the same Lord God Almighty grant, that the Clergy and Nobles assembled here for this great and solemn Service, and together with them all the People of the land, fearing God, and honouring the King, may by the merciful superintendency of the divine Providence, and the vigilant care of our gracious Sovereign, continually enjoy peace, plenty, and prosperity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Eternal Father, and God the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church, world without end.

R Amen.

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Then shall the King go to his Throne, and be lifted up into it by the Archbishops and Bishops, and other Peers of the Kingdom; and being Inthronized, or placed therein, all the Great Officers, those that bear the Swords and the Sceptres, and the Nobles who carried the other Regalia, shall stand round about the steps of the Throne; and the Archbishop, standing before the King, shall say:

XIII. The
Inthroni-
zation

Stand firm, and hold fast from henceforth the Seat and State of Royal and Imperial Dignity, which is this day delivered unto you, in the Name and by the authority of Almighty God, and by the hands of us the Bishops and servants of God, though unworthy: And as you see us to approach nearer to God's Altar, so vouchsafe the more graciously to continue to us your Royal favour and protection. And the Lord God Almighty, whose Ministers we are, and the Stewards of his Mysteries, establish your Throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast

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for evermore, like as the sun before him,
and as the faithful witness in heaven.

R Amen.

XIV. The Homage *The Exhortation being ended, all the Princes and Peers then present shall do their Homage publicly and solemnly unto the King.*

The Archbishop first shall kneel down before his Majesty's knees, and the rest of the Bishops shall kneel in their places: and they shall do their Homage together, for the shortening of the ceremony, the Archbishop saying:

I Cosmo Archbishop of Canterbury
[and so every one of the rest, I *N.*
Bishop of *N.*, repeating the rest audibly
after the Archbishop] will be faithful
and true, and Faith and Truth will bear
unto you, our Sovereign Lord, and your
Heirs Kings of Great Britain, Ireland, and
the British Dominions beyond the Seas,
Defenders of the Faith, and Emperors of

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India. And I will do, and truly acknowledge, the Service of the Lands which I claim to hold of you, as in right of the Church. So help me God.

Then shall the Archbishop kiss the King's left Cheek.

Then the Duke of Gloucester, taking off his Coronet, shall kneel down before his Majesty's knees, the rest of the Princes of the Blood Royal, being Peers of the Realm, kneeling in their places, taking off their Coronets, and pronouncing the words of Homage after him, the Duke of Gloucester saying:

I *N.* Prince, or Duke, &c., of *N.* do become your Liege man of Life and Limb, and of earthly worship; and Faith and Truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of Folks. So help me God.

Then shall the Princes of the Blood Royal, being Peers of the Realm, arising severally touch the Crown on his Majesty's Head and kiss his Majesty's left Cheek. After which the other Peers of the Realm, who are then in their seats, shall kneel down, put off their Coronets,

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and do their Homage, the Dukes first by themselves, and so the Marquesses, the Earls, the Viscounts, and the Barons, severally in their places, the first of each Order kneeling before his Majesty, and the others of his Order who are near his Majesty also kneeling in their places, and all of his Order saying after him:

I, *N.* Duke, or Earl, &c., of *N.* do become your liegeman of Life and Limb, and of earthly worship; and Faith and Truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of Folks. So help me God.

The Peers having done their Homage, the first of each Order, putting off his Coronet, shall singly ascend the Throne, and stretching forth his hand, touch the Crown on his Majesty's Head, as promising by that Ceremony for himself and his Order to be ever ready to support it with all their power; and then shall he kiss the King's Cheek.

While the Princes and Peers are thus doing their Homage, the King, if he thinks good, shall deliver his Sceptre with the Cross and the Sceptre or Rod with the Dove, to some one near to the Blood Royal, or to the Lords that carried them in the Procession, or

to any other that he pleaseth to assign, to hold them by him.

And the Bishops that support the King in the Procession may also ease him, by supporting the Crown, as there shall be occasion.

At the same time the Choir shall sing these Anthems:

O come ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy Name.

From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart; he makes his mercies known:

Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

CHRISTOPHER TYE

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

HENRY PURCELL

O clap your hands together, all ye people, O sing unto God with the voice

of melody. For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great King of all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

ORLANDO GIBBONS

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

WILLIAM BOYCE

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

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Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

GEORGE DYSON

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as day: the darkness and the light are to thee both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

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When the Homage is ended, the Drums shall beat, and the Trumpets sound, and all the People shout, crying out:

God save King George.

Long live King George.

May the King live for ever.

The Solemnity of the King's Coronation being thus ended, the Archbishop shall leave the King in his Throne and go to the Altar.

XV. The Queen's Coronation The Queen shall arise and go to the steps of the Altar, supported by two Bishops, and there kneel down, whilst the Archbishop saith the following Prayer:

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodness: Give ear, we beseech thee, to our prayers, and multiply thy blessings upon this thy servant ELIZABETH, whom in thy Name, with all humble devotion, we consecrate our Queen; Defend her evermore from all

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dangers, ghostly and bodily; Make her a great example of virtue and piety, and a blessing to the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **R** Amen.

This Prayer being ended, the Queen shall arise and come to the place of her Anointing: Which is to be at a Faldstool set for that purpose before the Altar, between the steps and King Edward's Chair. There shall she kneel down, and four Peeresses, appointed for that service, holding a rich Pall of Cloth of Gold over her, the Archbishop shall pour the Holy Oil upon the Crown of her Head, saying these words:

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Let the anointing with this Oil increase your honour, and the grace of God's Holy Spirit establish you, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Then shall the Archbishop receive from the Keeper of the Jewel House the Queen's Ring, and put it upon the Fourth Finger of her Right Hand, saying:

Receive this Ring, the seal of a sincere Faith; and God, to whom belongeth all power and dignity, prosper you in this your honour, and grant you therein long to continue, fearing him always, and always doing such things as shall please him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall take the Crown from off the Altar into his hands, and reverently set it upon the Queen's Head, saying:

Receive the Crown of glory, honour, and joy: And God, the Crown of the faithful, who by our Episcopal hands (though unworthy) doth this day set a Crown of pure Gold upon your Head, enrich your Royal Heart with his abundant grace, and crown you with all princely

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virtues in this life, and with everlasting gladness in the life that is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Queen being crowned all the Peeresses shall put on their Coronets.

Then shall the Archbishop put the Sceptre into the Queen's Right Hand, and the Ivory Rod with the Dove into her Left Hand; and say this Prayer:

OLORD, the giver of all perfection: Grant unto this thy servant **ELIZABETH** our Queen, that by the powerful and mild influence of her piety and virtue, she may adorn the high dignity which she hath obtained, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

The Queen being thus Anointed, and Crowned, and having received all her Ornaments, shall arise and go from the Altar, supported by her two Bishops, and so up to the Theatre. And as she passeth by the King on his Throne, she shall bow herself reverently to his Majesty, and then be conducted to her own Throne, and without any further Ceremony take her place in it.

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XVI. The Communion *Then shall the Organ play and the Choir shall sing the Offertory.*

O HEARKEN thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.

In the mean while the King and Queen shall deliver their Sceptres to the Lords who had previously borne them, and descend from their Thrones, supported and attended as before, and go to the steps of the Altar, where, taking off their Crowns, which they shall deliver to the Lord Great Chamberlain and other appointed Officer to hold, they shall kneel down.

And first the King shall offer Bread and Wine for the Communion, which being brought out of Saint Edward's Chapel, and delivered into his hands (the Bread upon the Paten by the Bishop that read the Epistle, and the Wine in the Chalice by the Bishop that read the Gospel), shall by the Archbishop be received from the King, and reverently placed upon the Altar, and decently covered with a fair linen Cloth, the Archbishop first saying this Prayer:

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BLESS, O Lord, we beseech thee, these thy gifts, and sanctify them unto this holy use, that by them we may be made partakers of the Body and Blood of thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and fed unto everlasting life of soul and body: And that thy servant King GEORGE may be enabled to the discharge of his weighty office, whereunto of thy great goodness thou hast called and appointed him. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **R** Amen.

Then the King, kneeling as before, shall make his Oblation, offering a Pall or Altar-cloth delivered by the Officer of the Great Wardrobe to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and by him, kneeling, to his Majesty, and an Ingot or Wedge of Gold of a pound weight, which the Treasurer of the Household shall deliver to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and he to his Majesty; And the Archbishop coming to him, shall receive and place them upon the Altar.

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The Queen also at the same time shall make her Oblation of a Pall or Altar-cloth, and a Mark weight of Gold, in like manner as the King.

Then shall the King and Queen return to their Chairs, and kneel down at their Faldstools, and the Archbishop shall say:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept these oblations, and to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of

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thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant GEORGE our King; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due

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reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **R** Amen.

THE EXHORTATION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and in-

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tend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us;

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The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R** Amen.

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After which shall be said,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Here also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Here also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

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After which the Archbishop shall proceed, saying:
Lift up your hearts.

Answer

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Archbishop

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer

It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Archbishop turn to the Lord's Table,
and say,

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: who by thy providence dost govern all things both in heaven and in earth, and hast shewn mercy this day to these thine anointed servants, our King and our Queen, and hast given them to us thy

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people that under them we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant

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us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **R** Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us,

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O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, [here the Archbishop is to take the Paten into his hands] took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, [and here to break the Bread] he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; [and here to lay his hand upon the Bread] this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper [here he is to take the Cup into his hand] he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for [and here to lay his hand

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upon the Cup] this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

R Amen.

When the Archbishops, and Dean of Westminster, with the Bishops Assistant (namely, those who have read the Epistle and the Gospel), have communicated in both kinds, the King and Queen shall advance to the steps of the Altar and kneel down, and the Archbishop shall administer the Bread, and the Dean of Westminster the Cup, to them.

At the Delivery of the Bread shall be said:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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At the Delivery of the Cup:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The King and Queen shall then put on their Crowns, and repair to their Thrones, there taking the Sceptres in their hands again.

Then shall the Archbishop go on to the Post-Communion, he and all the People saying:

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The

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power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

Then shall be said as followeth:

OLORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled

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with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **R** Amen.

Then shall be sung:

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

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O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then shall the Archbishop say,

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God

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Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *R* Amen.

Then shall the Choir sing:

XVII.
Te Deum
Laudamus

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full : of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

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The goodly fellowship of the Prophets :
praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the
world : doth acknowledge thee ;

The Father : of an infinite majesty ;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory : O
Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the
Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver
man : thou didst not abhor the Vir-
gin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharp-
ness of death : thou didst open the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.

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Thou sittest at the right hand of God :
in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to
be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy ser-
vants : whom thou hast redeemed
with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy
Saints : in glory everlasting.

OLORD, save thy people : and bless
thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for
ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee.

And we worship thy Name : ever world
without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this
day without sin.

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O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

XVIII. The Recess

In the mean time, the King, attended and accompanied as before, the four Swords being carried before him, shall descend from his Throne Crowned and carrying his Sceptre and Rod in his hands, go into the Area eastward of the Theatre, and pass on through the Door on the South side of the Altar into Saint Edward's Chapel; and as they pass by the Altar, the rest of the Regalia, lying upon it, are to be delivered by the Dean of Westminster to the Lords that carried them in the Procession, and so they shall proceed in State into the Chapel. The Queen at the same time descending, shall go in like manner into the same Chapel at the Door on the North side of the Altar; bearing her Sceptre in her Right Hand, and her Ivory Rod in her Left.

The King and Queen, being come into the Chapel, the King, standing before the Altar, shall deliver the Sceptre with the Dove to the Archbishop, who shall lay it upon the Altar there. And the Golden Spurs and

Saint Edward's Staff are to be given into the hands of the Dean of Westminster, and by him laid there also.

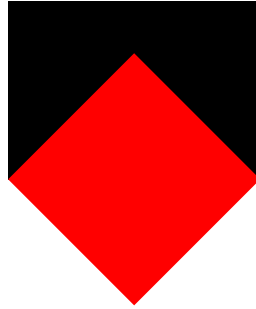
The King shall then be disrobed of his Royal Robe of State, and arrayed in his Robe of Purple Velvet, and wearing his Imperial Crown shall then receive in his Left Hand the Orb from the Archbishop.

Then their Majesties shall proceed through the Choir to the West Door of the Church, in the same way as they came, wearing their Crowns: the King bearing in his Right Hand his Sceptre with the Cross, and in his Left the Orb; the Queen bearing in her Right Hand her Sceptre with the Cross, and in her Left the Ivory Rod with the Dove; all Peers wearing their Coronets.

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