

THE CORONATION: AN INTIMATE RITUAL

JUNE 2nd 1953 dawned a wet summer's day. But the whispering ran through the crowds camping out in London: a Sherpa and a New Zealander, members of a British-led team, had climbed Mount Everest. The mightiest mountain, which had claimed so many lives, had been conquered. It was a fitting symbol of the New Elizabethan age.

The damp throng lining the route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey looked forward to the pageantry of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth The Second. They were joined for the first time by millions who had huddled around small black-and-white screens – television had arrived. The ceremony that followed was, as customarily, according to tradition and precedent. It had been drawn up by the Archbishop of Canterbury with the Dean of Westminster and some advisers.

Today we mark the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation. We take this opportunity also to remember that it is fifty years since the Honours of Scotland were presented to The Queen in Edinburgh and that this is the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Union of the English and Scottish Crowns.

Our service this morning takes four aspects of the original ceremony as its basic structure. A brief explanation of the Coronation's significance introduces each section. Last year's joyful celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's Accession gives way to a quieter, more reflective service to mark the anniversary of the Coronation itself. As in the Coronation there are readings, prayers and music, but no sermon. But, whereas at the Coronation Her Majesty dedicated herself to a servant leadership, on this occasion we, the congregation both in the Abbey and elsewhere, in respectful homage make her commitment our own.

*Wesley Carr
Dean of Westminster
2nd June 2003*

The whole of the church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to ensure that mobile phones, pagers and other electronic devices are switched off.

Before the service the bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The fanfares are played by the State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry, led by Trumpet Major Gilbert Wheeler, and by trumpeters from the Band of the Irish Guards, directed by Major Andrew Chatburn.

The organ is played by Andrew Reid, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

Daniel Cook, Organ Scholar, plays:

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Voluntary for double organ

*Henry Purcell (1659-95)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679-95*

Gaudeamus in loci pace

James MacMillan (b 1959)

Sonata in E flat

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Andante serioso, ma con moto

Allegro giocoso

Maestoso

The Sub-Organist plays:

Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

from Sonata III

Psalm Prelude, Set I, no.2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*“But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth:
and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.” Psalm 37: 4*

Fantasia and Toccata in D minor

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Rhosymedre from

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Three Preludes founded on Welsh hymn tunes

A Detachment of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard, and of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, enters the Abbey and moves to positions in the Nave. All remain seated.

The Speaker of the House of Commons is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in the Quire. All remain seated.

The Lord Chancellor, representing the Prime Minister, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in the Quire. All remain seated.

A Procession of Religious Representatives moves to places in the Lantern. All remain seated.

Verger

*Mrs Rita Bartlett
National Spiritual Assembly of the
Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom*

*Dr Zaki Bedawi
Muslim College
and the Imams and Mosques Council, UK*

*Dorab E Mistry Esq
The Zoroastrian Association
in Europe*

*Rabbi Alan Plancey
representing the Chief Rabbi of the
United Hebrew Congregations and
the British Commonwealth*

*Dr Natubhai Shah
Jain Academy*

*Swami Shivarupananda
The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre*

*Indarjit Singh, OBE
The Network of Sikh Organisations, UK*

*The Most Venerable Dr Pandith M Vajiragnana
The London Buddhist Vihara*

*Rabbi Mark Winer
The West London Synagogue*

A Procession of Visiting Clergy moves to places in the Sacrarium. All remain seated.

Verger

The Reverend David Coffey
The Free Churches Moderator

His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios
Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain

The Right Reverend
Professor Iain Torrance
*Moderator of the General Assembly
of the Church of Scotland*

His Eminence Cardinal
Cormac Murphy-O'Connor
Archbishop of Westminster

The Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch
Lord High Almoner

The Right Reverend Jonathan Bailey
*Clerk of the Closet and Head of
Her Majesty's College of Chaplains*

The Reverend Canon Philip Buckler
Canon of St Paul's

The Very Reverend Michael Mayne, KCVO
Dean Emeritus of Westminster

The Very Reverend
James Harkness, CB OBE
*Dean of the Chapel Royal
in Scotland*

The Reverend Prebendary
William Booth, LVO
*Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's
Chapels Royal*

The Right Reverend
David Conner
Dean of Windsor

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable
Richard Chartres
Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal

Verger

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Dr David Hope, KCVO
*Lord Archbishop of York,
Primate of England and Metropolitan*

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable
Dr Rowan Williams
*Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,
Primate of All England and Metropolitan*

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Deputy High Steward, is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, where she joins the Lay Officers of the Collegiate Body. All remain seated.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, and The Right Honourable Sir Angus Ogilvy, Her Royal Highness Princess Michael of Kent, Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Kent, and Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal and Commodore Timothy Laurence, RN, Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex, and His Royal Highness The Duke of York, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, and His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. All remain seated.

Members of the Royal Family are conducted to their places in the Lantern. All stand.

Verger

The Right Honourable
Sir Angus Ogilvy

Her Royal Highness
Princess Alexandra,
the Hon Lady Ogilvy

Her Royal Highness
Princess Michael of Kent

Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Kent

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Kent

Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Gloucester

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Gloucester

Commodore Timothy Laurence, RN

Her Royal Highness
The Princess Royal

Her Royal Highness
The Countess of Wessex

His Royal Highness
The Earl of Wessex

His Royal Highness
The Duke of York

His Royal Highness
Prince William of Wales

His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

The Collegiate Body moves to places in the Nave and faces the Great West Door. All remain standing.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

Presentations are made.

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh take their positions for the procession, the Dean, Collegiate Body, and Nave congregation facing them.

A Fanfare is sounded.

The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, says

THE GREETING

YOUR Majesty, we, the members of your College of St Peter, Westminster, offer you our congratulations on this the fiftieth anniversary of your Coronation, and greet you and His Royal Highness in the name of the Lord.

All members of the College respond:

In the name of the Lord, we greet you.

The Collegiate Body turns East and a procession is formed.

Beadle

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

James O'Donnell Esq
Organist and Master of the Choristers

The Queen's Almsmen

Vergers

The Lord Mayor of Westminster
Deputy High Steward

Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow, CB
Deputy High Bailiff

Dr Donald Buttress, LVO
Surveyor of the Fabric Emeritus

John Burton Esq
Surveyor of the Fabric

Dr Tony Trowles
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Dr Richard Mortimer
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*Master of the Queen's Scholars,
Westminster School*

Eddie Smith Esq
*Under Master,
Westminster School*

Jonathan Milton Esq
*Head Master,
Westminster Abbey Choir School*

Tristram Jones-Parry Esq
*Head Master,
Westminster School*

Chris Vyse Esq
Legal Secretary

Major General David Burden, CB CBE
Receiver General

The Lord Hurd of Westwell
High Steward

Sir Roy Strong
High Bailiff

The Cross of Westminster and Lights

The Reverend Graeme Napier

*Minor Canon and
Succentor of Westminster*

The Reverend Chris Chivers

*Minor Canon and
Precentor of Westminster*

The Canons' Verger

The Reverend Dr Tom Wright

Canon of Westminster

The Reverend Robert Wright

Canon of Westminster

The Reverend Michael Middleton

Canon of Westminster

The Reverend David Hutt

Canon of Westminster

The Dean's Verger

The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr

Dean of Westminster

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Edinburgh

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Suites in attendance

ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession, together with
Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh,
moves to places in the Quire and Sacrarium*

All: **A**LL people that on earth do dwell,
 Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
 Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
 Come ye before him, and rejoice.

All: The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
 Without our aid he did us make;
 We are his folk, he doth us feed,
 And for his sheep he doth us take.

Choir: O enter then his gates with praise,
 Approach with joy his courts unto;
 Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
 For it is seemly so to do.

Choir: For why? the Lord our God is good:
 His mercy is for ever sure;
 His truth at all times firmly stood,
 And shall from age to age endure.

All: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 The God whom heaven and earth adore,
 From men and from the Angel-host
 Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*Old Hundredth 334 NEH
melody in Genevan Psalter 1551
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams
for the Coronation in 1953*

*Psalm 100
paraphrased by W Kethe (d 1594)
in Anglo-Genevan Psalter 1560*

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster says

THE BIDDING

FROM Christmas Day 1066 until June 2nd 1953 this Abbey has resounded to the acclamation of the people for their Sovereign. For here is held the ceremony of coronation, the anointing and crowning, as the Monarch commits herself to lead and serve the nation. It is very public but also an intimate ritual.

It begins with the presentation to the congregation and their formal recognition of their 'undoubted Queen'. On this the fiftieth anniversary of the Coronation, we join Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second, Our Queen, as she again presents herself to God and we, the congregation, recognise her by thanking God for her leadership and for the values for which she stands, as Queen and as Head of the Commonwealth.

But we shall not place on her renewed responsibility for all the duty and service to the nation. On this significant anniversary, with quiet but deep respect and affection, we stand with Our Sovereign and each and all of us commit ourselves anew to that duty and service which are both hers and ours.

We shall take four aspects of the coronation rite – faith, service, responsibility and respect – and reflect upon them. And we shall pray that they may be marks of our common life as individuals, as a nation, and as citizens of the Commonwealth and the world.

But first let us express our thanks for these fifty years of service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the grace of God, Queen.

Let us pray:

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, we give thee hearty thanks for that thou hast set thy servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, upon the throne of this realm. Let thy wisdom continue her guide and thine arm strengthen her; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in her days; and direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of her people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

adapted from the Accession Service

I invite you each in your own language to say together the prayer which Jesus taught us:

OUR Father, who art 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.

All sit. The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr David Hope, KCVO, Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, reads

1 KINGS 3: 5b – 15

Solomon, the example of the wise king

Hear the word of God from the First Book of the Kings:

GOD said to Solomon, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.”

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The Choir sings

PSALM 121

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

COMMITMENT TO GOD

The coronation is set in the service of Holy Communion and is therefore a religious ceremony, presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury. But before that rite begins there are two ceremonies. First, the congregation ‘recognises’ the Sovereign. For the second, 1953 saw an innovation: the Bible was presented by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, saying: “Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God.”

All remain seated. The Right Reverend Professor Iain Torrance, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reads

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 4 – 11

The spiritual gifts of God

Hear the word of God according to St Paul:

NOW there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of

the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. A moment of silence is kept.

The Dean leads the people, saying:

I commit myself

All say:

I commit myself with Elizabeth Our Queen to seek first God's kingdom here on earth.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

O THOU who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

*Hereford 431 NEH
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)
after Leviticus 6: 13*

COMMITMENT TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

‘Coronation’ means ‘crowning’, but the heart of the ceremony is in fact the anointing. Dressed simply, the Sovereign is anointed with oil by the Archbishop, the ceremony being hidden from the gaze of the people by a canopy held by four knights. Anointing sets someone apart for a sacred, and often sacrificial, function. The reading that follows describes the yearly ceremony which has come to us as ‘The Royal Maundy’. The Sovereign no longer washes feet, but instead gives purses of silver coins to the recipients. This establishes service as the style of royal leadership.

All sit. His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, reads

JOHN 13: 1a, 3 – 5, 12 – 15

The humility of the Master

Hear the word of God according to St John:

NOW before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The Choir sings:

REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Jonathan Harvey (b 1939)
commissioned by the Dean and Chapter
specially for this service*

*Leonine Sacramentary
translated for The Prayer Book as proposed in 1928
by Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)
Dean of Westminster, 1902-11*

All stand. A moment of silence is kept.

The Dean leads the people, saying:

I commit myself

All say:

I commit myself with Elizabeth Our Queen to serve the people of this nation and the Commonwealth.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

CROWN him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

*Diademata 352 NEH
George Elvey (1816-93)
arranged by Andrew Reid (b 1971)
specially for this service*

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBILITY

The Monarch is given symbols of office, the orb and sceptres, and finally the crown. It is the moment when it might look as though absolute power rests in the Sovereign. But to lead does not imply power over others rather authority to represent them. The Sovereign is crowned and takes on this awesome responsibility, reminded by the words above the altar that, "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ."

All sit. The Reverend David Coffey, The Free Churches Moderator, reads

LUKE 22: 24 – 27

The greatest and the least

Hear the word of God according to St Luke:

A DISPUTE arose among the disciples, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But it is not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Thanks be to God.

All remain seated. The Choir sings:

BEHOLD, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

*Herbert Howells
composed for the Coronation in 1953*

Psalm 84: 9-10

All stand. A moment of silence is kept.

The Dean leads the people, saying:

I commit myself

All say:

I commit myself with Elizabeth Our Queen to act responsibly and justly.

All sit or kneel. The Reverend Chris Chivers, Minor Canon and Precentor of Westminster, leads

THE PRAYERS

Let us give thanks to God for the unstinting devotion to duty of Her Majesty The Queen, that we may be inspired with a like desire to seek the common good:

O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: receive, we beseech thee, the gratitude which we offer this day for thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; and vouchsafe continually so to bless her work, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and all people may serve thee in godly quietness and true holiness; to thy honour and glory. **Amen.**

adapted from the Accession Service

Let us praise God for the witness of faith at the heart of our nation and the Commonwealth, that through it we may promote mutual respect, unity and friendship among all people:

O GOD, who hast made us members of the Commonwealth of nations, and hast bound us together under one Queen: grant that we may ever be alert to our great responsibilities; and set before us that righteousness which exalteth each nation. Help us to seek to excel in faith, courage, duty, self-discipline, and fair dealing; that we may foster that peace and goodwill which gives glory to thee, both now and always. **Amen.**

adapted from the Accession Service

The Reverend Graeme Napier, Minor Canon and Succentor of Westminster, continues:

Let us pray to God for the leaders of the nations of the world, that all peoples may serve one another with kindness and generosity:

O GOD, Almighty Father, King of kings and Lord of all our rulers: grant that the hearts and minds of all statesmen and women, judges, and people of learning and wealth, may be so filled with the love of thy laws, and of that which is righteous and life-giving, that, together with them, we may each serve as wholesome salt to the earth, and be worthy stewards of thy good and perfect gifts; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

adapted from the Prayer of the Order of the Garter

Let us ask God's blessing on the Royal Family, especially on Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh:

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

from The Book of Common Prayer

The Precentor concludes:

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

from The Book of Common Prayer

COMMITMENT TO RESPECT

Once the Monarch is crowned and acclaimed, representatives of various groups approach, kneel, and swear allegiance to their Sovereign. The first is the Archbishop of Canterbury, the one who crowned the monarch. And all who contributed to this ceremony in whatever role follow.

All sit. The Dean reads

from THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST 2002

The respect of a monarch for her people

ANNIVERSARIES are important events in all our lives. I felt that the Golden Jubilee was more than just an anniversary. The celebrations were joyous occasions, but they also seemed to evoke something more lasting and profound – a sense of belonging and pride in country, town or community; a sense of sharing a common heritage enriched by the cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity of our twenty-first century society... It was a time to remind ourselves... that we must never forget the plight of the disadvantaged and excluded, that we must respond to the needs of someone in distress or despair... Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God.

All remain seated. The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr Rowan Williams, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, reads

COLOSSIANS 3: 12 - 15

Through virtue to love

Hear the word of God according to St Paul:

PUT on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. A moment of silence is kept.

The Dean leads the people, saying:

I commit myself

All say:

I commit myself with Elizabeth Our Queen to respect my neighbour.

All sit. The Choir sings

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.
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
Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the
Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
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 servants: whom thou hast redeemed
with thy precious blood.

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

Charles Villiers Stanford in C major

All stand. The Dean says

THE BLESSING

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 sinners, eternal life, and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All remain standing to sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save The Queen!

Not on this land alone –
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see
That we in unity,
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.

*from Thesaurus Musicus c1743
arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)
for the Coronation in 1953*

*Anonymous and
W E Hickson (1803-70)*

All remain standing.

The Sub-Organist plays:

Orb and Sceptre

*William Walton (1902-1983)
composed for the Coronation in 1953*

Allegro maestoso *from* Sonata in G major

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Procession of Religious Representatives moves through the North Quire and Nave Aisles to places outside the Great West Door.

The Procession of Visiting Clergy moves through the South Quire and Nave Aisles to places outside the Great West Door.

The Procession of the Choir of Westminster Abbey, and Lay Officers of the Collegiate Body, moves through the Quire and Nave to places outside the Great West Door.

The Procession of the Collegiate Clergy moves through the Quire and Nave to places outside the Great West Door.

The Dean escorts Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, together with the Members of the Royal Family, through the Quire and Nave to the Great West Door.

The Queen's Almsmen move through the Quire and Nave to the East Cloister Door.

The Detachment of The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard, and of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, moves through the Nave to the East Cloister Door.

The bells of the Abbey are rung to a peal of Spliced (four methods) Surprise Royal, comprising 5000 changes.

**Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places
until directed to move by the Stewards.**