

THE MUSIC
WITH THE FORM AND ORDER OF
THE SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED AT
THE CORONATION OF
HER MOST EXCELLENT
MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II



IN THE ABBEY CHURCH OF WESTMINSTER
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IV. The Oath

¶ *The Queen having returned to her Chair (her Majesty having already on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1952, in the presence of the two Houses of Parliament, made and signed the Declaration prescribed by Act of Parliament), the Archbishop standing before her shall administer the Coronation Oath, first asking the Queen,*

Madam, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

¶ *And the Queen answering,*

I am willing.

¶ *The Archbishop shall administer these questions; and the Queen, having a book in her hands, shall answer each question severally as follows:*

Archbishop: Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Pakistan and Ceylon, and of your Possessions and the other Territories to any of them belonging or pertaining, according to their respective laws and customs?

Queen: 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?

Queen: I will.

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

Queen : All this I promise to do.

¶ Then the Queen arising out of her Chair, supported as before, the Sword of State being carried before her, shall go to the Altar, and make her solemn Oath in the sight of all the people to observe the premises : laying her 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 rendered to her as she kneels upon the steps), and 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 Queen shall kiss the Book and sign the Oath. And a Silver Standish

¶ The Queen having thus taken her Oath shall return again to her Chair, and the Bible shall be delivered to the Dean of Westminster.

V. The Presenting of the Holy Bible

¶ When the Queen is again seated, the Archbishop shall go to her Chair : and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, receiving the Holy Bible from the Dean of Westminster, shall bring it to the Queen and present it to her, the Archbishop saying these words :

OUR gracious Queen : to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords.

¶ And the Moderator shall continue :

Here is Wisdom ; This is the royal Law ; These are the lively Oracles of God.

¶ Then shall the Queen deliver back the Bible to the Moderator who shall bring it to the Dean of Westminster, to be reverently placed again upon the Altar. This done, the Archbishop shall return to the Altar.