THE SERVICE

THE LAYING OF THE REGALIA UPON THE ALTAR

All being in their places, and the Bishops bearing the Bible Chalice and Paten having delivered the same to the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Altar, the Lords bearing the Regalia, except those who carried the Swords, came before the Altar steps and presented in order every one what he bore to the Archbishop who delivered it to the Dean of Westminster to be laid by him upon the Altar. The Lords who had borne the same went to their stations at the south side of the Area where, together with the Lords bearing the Swords (except the Sword of State), they remained until the Enthroning.

THE RECOGNITION

The Archbishop then came from the Altar to the east side of the Theatre, where he stood with the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Lord High Constable, and the Earl Marshal. The Queen, rising from her Chair of Estate, proceeded to a station near to King Edward's Chair; and the Archbishop, facing towards the East, made the first Presentation. After which the Archbishop and the others with him, preceded by Garter King of Arms, went in turn to the South, West, and North sides of the Theatre, where the Archbishop repeated the same; and Her Majesty turned towards the people on the side at which the Presentation was made, they signifying their recognition and joy after each Presentation by a loud acclamation of

God Save Queen Elizabeth

and the trumpets sounded after each Recognition.

Her Majesty then returned to her Chair of Estate where she resumed her seat; and the Archbishop proceeded to the Altar.

The Lord Great Chamberlain went to the west side of Her Majesty's Chair; and the Lord High Chancellor, the Lord High Constable and the Earl Marshal went to stations by the Northeast Pillar, where they remained until the Enthroning.

THE OATH

The Archbishop of Canterbury coming from the Altar and standing before the Queen, ministered the questions contained in the Order of Service. These questions having been answered by Her Majesty, the Archbishop returned to the Altar, and the Queen rising from her Chair and, supported as before, the Sword of State alone being borne before Her Majesty, went to the Altar, where, kneeling and laying her right hand on the Holy Gospel in the great Bible, tendered to Her Majesty by the Archbishop, she took the Coronation Oath, kissed the Book, and to a transcript of the Oath set her Royal Sign Manual, the Lord Chamberlain of the Household holding a silver standish for that purpose delivered to him by the Keeper of the Jewel House.

The Queen having thus taken her Oath returned again to her Chair of Estate, where she took her seat.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY BIBLE

The Archbishop went before Her Majesty's Chair; and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, receiving the Bible from the Dean of Westminster at the Altar, brought it to the Queen and presented it to Her Majesty, the Archbishop and the Moderator saying the words of presentation.

Then the Queen delivered back the Bible to the Moderator who brought it to the Dean who reverently placed it again upon the Altar.

This done, the Archbishop returned to the Altar and, the Introit being ended, began the Communion Service.

THE ANOINTING

After the conclusion of the Creed, the Queen kneeling at her faldstool, and the people kneeling in their places, the Archbishop began the hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

and the choir sang it out. Then, this hymn being ended, the Archbishop said the prayer of Consecration, after which, the Queen and the people standing, the choir began the anthem

Zadok the Priest

Whilst this anthem was being sung, the Queen, assisted by the Mistress of the Robes, was divested of her crimson robe by the Lord Great Chamberlain, who delivered the same to the Groom of the Robes. Her Majesty having also taken off her Diadem and the Collar of the Garter, delivered them to the Lord Chamberlain of the Household, and the Groom of the Robes received them also and carried them into Saint Edward's Chapel.