

THE HOMAGE

The Exhortation being ended, Her Majesty delivered the Sceptre with the Cross to the Lord who had first borne it, to hold the same on her right hand, and the Rod with the Dove to the Lord who had first borne it, to hold the same on her left during the Homage: and she removed the Glove from her right hand and the Lord who bore the Sceptre with the Cross received it from Her Majesty.

The Archbishop, ascending the steps of the Throne, knelt before the Queen, and placing his hands between the Queen's hands pronounced his words of Fealty; and the other Lords Spiritual, kneeling in their places, said their words of Fealty with him. The Archbishop then kissed Her Majesty's right hand; and retired.

Next, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, taking off his coronet and ascending the steps of the Throne, knelt before the Queen, placed his hands between the Queen's hands and pronounced his words of Homage; His Royal Highness rising then touched the Crown upon Her Majesty's head, kissed Her Majesty's left cheek, and withdrew. And after him the Duke of Gloucester, also kneeling before the Queen, in like manner performed his Homage: and so also the Duke of Kent performed his Homage.

The other Peers of the Realm then did their Homage. The Senior Peer present of each Degree, in turn, putting off his coronet and ascending the steps of the Throne, knelt before the Queen and placed his hands between the Queen's hands. He then pronounced his words of Homage, and the other Peers of his Degree, taking off their coronets and kneeling in their places, said their words of Homage with him. After which they rose, and the Senior Peer touched Her Majesty's Crown and kissed Her Majesty's right hand, and then retired.

At the conclusion of the Homage, the Queen again received into her hands the Sceptre and the Rod from the bearers thereof.

While the Homage was being performed, Anthems were sung by the choir: and when it was ended, the drums beat, the trumpets sounded, and all the people shouted crying out:

**God Save Queen Elizabeth
Long Live Queen Elizabeth
May the Queen Live For Ever**

Then the Archbishop proceeded to the Altar.

THE COMMUNION

Then was sung the hymn

All people that on earth do dwell

and the Queen rising, descended from her Throne and proceeded to the Altar, supported and attended as before, the Sword being borne before her. There, having laid aside the Sceptre and the Rod and having taken off her Crown (the Lord Great Chamberlain receiving them from Her Majesty into his hands and delivering the Sceptre and the Rod to the Keeper of the Jewel House, and the Crown to Garter, to hold for him), she knelt down. And the Duke of Edinburgh, coming meanwhile from his Chair, conducted by Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, went to his faldstool, set for him beside the Queen's, between the steps of the Altar and King Edward's Chair, and taking off his coronet, which the King of Arms received from him, he stood there, near to his faldstool.

The hymn ended, and the Paten and the Chalice having been brought from Saint Edward's Chapel, the Bishops who had read the Epistle and the Gospel gave them into Her Majesty's hands: and she delivered them to the Archbishop, who reverently placed them upon the Altar, saying the prayer beginning with the words

Bless, O Lord, we beseech thee, these thy gifts,

after which, the Queen, still kneeling, made her Oblation, offering a Pall or Altar-cloth, delivered by the Groom of the Robes to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and by him, kneeling, to Her Majesty, and an Ingot of Gold of a pound weight, which the Treasurer of the Household delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and he to Her Majesty; and the Archbishop received them severally from the Queen and placed them upon the Altar.

Then the Queen rising, repaired to her faldstool beside the Duke's, and there remained standing. His Royal Highness advanced to the Altar and, kneeling, delivered to the Archbishop his Oblation, which the Archbishop received and placed upon the Altar. The Archbishop then said a prayer of Exhortation and pronounced a Blessing over the Duke. After which His Royal Highness, rising, returned to his faldstool beside the Queen's; and Her Majesty and His Royal Highness knelt down together.

When the Archbishops, the Dean of Westminster, and the Bishops Assistant, had communicated in both kinds, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean came to Her Majesty, and to His Royal Highness, and the Archbishop administered the Bread to them, and the Dean of Westminster the Cup.