

The Congregation is invited to stand for the entry of
THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND,
THE CLERGY and THE ROYAL PROCESSIONS.

At the conclusion of the Service, the Congregation is invited to stand for the exit of
THE ROYAL PROCESSION,
and then to be seated until directed by Stewards to leave the Cathedral.

THE HONOURS AND THE PROCESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF SCOTLAND

The Lord Lyon King of Arms attended by Marchmont Herald and Carrick Pursuivant will, in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle, take delivery of the Honours of Scotland (the Sceptre and the Crown) and the Elizabeth Sword from Dr David Mitchell, Director of Cultural Assets, Historic Environment Scotland, on behalf of the Commissioners for the Safeguarding of the Regalia.

The Honours of Scotland and the Elizabeth Sword will be escorted by The King's Body Guard for Scotland (the Royal Company of Archers).

A Procession of representatives of the people of Scotland will depart the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle and move to St Giles' Cathedral by way of Castle Hill and the Lawnmarket.

Angus & Dundee Battalion ACF	Hutcheson's Grammar School
Balwearie High School	Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park
The Boys' Brigade	Lothian Buses Limited
British Dental Association Scotland	Macdonald Armouries
British Veterinary Association Scottish Branch	The Merchants House of Glasgow
Cairngorms National Park Authority	National Health Service Scotland
Central Taxis Edinburgh	National Museums Scotland
Children's Hospices Across Scotland	The National Piping Centre
City of Edinburgh Council - School Crossing Patrol	National Services Scotland, Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
Clydeview Academy	The National Trust for Scotland
The College of Master Kilt Tailors	Northern Lighthouse Board
The Convention of the Baronage of Scotland	Parkinson's UK in Scotland
Dogs Trust	Police Roll of Honour Trust
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Enable	The Prince's Trust
Endeavour Art Studios	Representatives of the Refugee Community
Girl Guiding Scotland	Robert Burns World Federation
The Girls' Brigade in Scotland	The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews
Glasgow Life - Museums	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Guide Dogs	The Royal British Legion Scotland
H.M. Coastguard	The Royal College of Nursing Scotland
The Heraldry Society of Scotland	Royal College of Psychiatrists

The Royal Company of Merchants of The City of Edinburgh	ScotRail
The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	Scottish Ambulance Service
Royal Mail Group	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Royal National Institute for Deaf People	Scottish Fishermen's Organisation
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	The Scottish Mineral & Lapidary Club
Royal Pharmaceutical Society	The Scottish Parliament
The Royal Scottish Highland Games Association	The Scottish Tartans Authority
The Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dance	Scottish Wildlife Trust
The Royal Yacht Britannia Edinburgh	Scottish Youth Parliament
The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland	Scouts Scotland
Samaritans of Edinburgh and the Lothians	St Andrew's First Aid
	The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs
	Veterans Scotland
	Young Scot

Representatives of the Trades Houses of Scotland

The Bakers	The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen
The Bonnet Makers & Dyers	The Shoemakers
The Candlemakers	The Skinners & Glovers
The Coopers	The Surgeons
The Cordiners	The Tailors
The Fleshers	The Weavers
The Goldsmiths	The Wrights
The Hammermen	
The Maltmen	

The Procession will be escorted by the High Constables of Edinburgh (forward) and the High Constables of Leith (rear), and the Scots Dragoon Guards, together with representatives of the Trades of Edinburgh, and will be led by the Combined Cadet Force Pipes and Drums and the Cadet Military Band and headed by the Royal Regiment of Scotland Mascot, Corporal Cruachan IV.

THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND

The Honours are the Crown Jewels of Scotland, and comprise the Crown, the Sceptre and the Sword of State.

The Sceptre was a gift to James IV from Pope Alexander VI. The Sword of State was also a Papal gift to James IV, from Pope Julius II. The Crown was refashioned in its current form for James V in 1540 by an Edinburgh goldsmith, John Mosman. The Honours were used as coronation regalia for Mary, Queen of Scots, James VI, Charles I and Charles II.

In 1953 the Honours were presented to HM The late Queen at a Service of Thanksgiving in St Giles' Cathedral. Since 1999, the Crown has been carried in procession at the Opening of the Scottish Parliament. The Sword of State was borne in procession at services of the Order of the Thistle, until it was found to be too fragile for further use.

In 2022 a new sword – named the Elizabeth Sword – was commissioned to be used in place of the Sword of State. The Sword and its scabbard were designed and crafted in Scotland.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Organ

Introduction and Passacaglia

Walter Alcock

The Choir of St Giles' Cathedral

The King shall rejoice

G. F. Handel

Drop down, ye heavens, from above

Judith Weir

O sing unto the Lord

Cecilia McDowall

Organ

White Note Paraphrase

James MacMillan

The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Highland Memories Op. 30 No. 1: By the Burnside

Hamish MacCunn

The Ayoub Sisters

Melodies from Scotland

Traditional arr. The Ayoub Sisters

The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Photography 1

Errollyn Wallen

Karen Cargill & The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

All in the April Evening

Hugh S. Robertson

Arr. John Frederick Hudson

Aaron Akugbo (Trumpet) & Organ

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

National Youth Choir of Scotland Chamber Choir

Afton Water (Robert Burns)

Traditional arr. David Willcocks

Ca' the yowes (Robert Burns)

Traditional arr. R. Vaughan Williams

Nicola Benedetti & The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Farewell to Stromness

Peter Maxwell Davies

Ryan Corbett (Accordion)

Loch Katrine's Lady

Phil Cunningham

Robert Lovie, Ryan Corbett & The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Caledonia

Dougie MacLean

The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Schiehallion

Jay Capperauld

Organ

Romance

William McKie

THE UNIFORMED, CIVIC AND CHIVALRIC PROCESSION

Lyon Macer
Mr David Walker

March Pursuivant Extraordinary
Mr Philip Tibbetts

Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary
Mr Colin Russell

The Scottish Parliament

Leader, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Mr Douglas Ross MP MSP

Leader, Scottish Labour Party
Mr Anas Sarwar MSP

Leader, Scottish Liberal Democrats
Mr Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Scottish National Party
Mr Ben Macpherson MSP

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Mrs Roz McCall MSP

Scottish Labour Party
Dr Claire Baker MSP

Representatives of the Schools, Colleges and Universities of Scotland

Deerpark Primary School
Mrs Anne Rice, Head Teacher

Balwearie High School
Mr Neil McNeil, Principal

Morrison's Academy
Mr Andrew J McGarva, Rector

City of Glasgow College
Dr Paul Little CBE, Principal and Chief Executive Officer

University of Dundee
Professor Iain Gillespie, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

University of Edinburgh
Professor Sir Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

University of Glasgow
Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

University of St Andrews
Professor Dame Sally Mapstone DBE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

University of Aberdeen
Professor Sir Iain Torrance KCVO, Pro-Chancellor

The College of Justice

Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Justice General
Lord Carloway

Senators of the College of Justice

Lady Paton

Lord Malcolm

Lord Pentland

Lord Matthews

The Lord Boyd of Duncansby

Lady Wise

Service Chiefs

Sir Iain Livingstone QPM, Chief Constable, Police Scotland
Paul Bassett QAM, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive,
Scottish Ambulance Service

Ross Haggart, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Brigadier RM Andrew Muddiman ADC, Naval Regional Commander,
Scotland & Northern Ireland

Major General William Wright, CBE, General Officer Scotland
Air Vice-Marshal Ross Paterson CB OBE ADC, Air Officer Scotland

Albany Herald Extraordinary
Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt LVO

Order of St John in Scotland

Mrs Margaret Balfour DStJ
Mr James Alexander Bingham KStJ
Mr Joe Mackie OBE KStJ

The Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle

The Lord Mackay of Clashfern KT
The Lord Wilson of Tillyorn KT GCMG
The Lord Cullen of Whitekirk KT

The Lords Provost of the cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee will be conducted to their seats. The Secretary of State for Scotland, the Lord President of the Council, the First Minister (Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland), the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament and the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders will be received by the Minister of St Giles' and conducted to their seats.

All shall stand as they are able for the procession of the Honours of Scotland.

PROCESSION OF THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND

Lyon Macer
Mr David Walker

March Pursuivant Extraordinary
Mr Philip Tibbetts

Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary
Mr Colin Russell

Brigadier The Hon Hugh Monro CBE
Captain Rory Maclachlan
Colonel Ted Shields MBE
Brigadier, Major General Mike Riddell-Webster DSO CBE
The King's Body Guard for Scotland
(The Royal Company of Archers)

Linlithgow Pursuivant Extraordinary
Professor Gillian Black

Unicorn Pursuivant
Mr Roderick Macpherson

Ormond Pursuivant
Mr John Stirling WS

Carrick Pursuivant
Sheriff George Way of Plean

Hereditary Bearer of the National Flag
of Scotland
The Master of Lauderdale on behalf of the
Earl of Lauderdale

Hereditary Standard Bearer
for Scotland
The Earl of Dundee

Albany Herald Extraordinary
Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw Bt LVO

The Elizabeth Sword
borne by Dame Katherine Grainger DBE

Escorts

Second Lieutenant Rosie Coe
2 Signal Squadron (Aberdeen Troop)

Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet CBE
The community of Deeside

Colonel Piers Strudwick OBE
The King's Body Guard for Scotland
(The Royal Company of Archers)

Islay Herald
Mrs Yvonne Holton

The Sceptre

borne by Lady Dorrian, Lord Justice Clerk

Escorts

Ravinder Kaur Nijjar
Chair of Religions for Peace UK
Women of Faith Network

James Hynd LVO
Secretary to the Commissioners
of the Regalia

Mr Frederick Douglas Miller
The King's Body Guard for Scotland
(The Royal Company of Archers)

Marchmont Herald
The Hon Adam Bruce WS

The Crown

borne by The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon

Escorts

Miss Ailsa Russell
Head Girl of Clydeview Academy

Mr Lochlan Sweaton
Head Boy of Balwearie High School

Lord Bruce
The King's Body Guard for Scotland
(The Royal Company of Archers)

*When the Honours of Scotland have been placed on the Honours Table
all shall be seated.*

ARRIVAL OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN

Their Majesties The King and Queen, accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, will be received at the West Door by the Minister of St Giles', the Dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal in Scotland and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay will be conducted into the Cathedral by Rothesay Herald, and Their Majesties The King and The Queen will be conducted into the Cathedral by the Lord Lyon, where they will take their places in the Royal Procession.

All who are able shall stand.

CLERGY PROCESSION

The Cross Bearer
Mr John Robertson

Assistant Minister, St Giles' Cathedral
The Reverend Sam Nwokoro

Associate Minister, St Giles' Cathedral
The Reverend Sigrid Marten

Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church
The Most Reverend Mark Strange

Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh
The Most Reverend Leo Cushley

The Minister of St Giles' Cathedral
The Reverend Calum I MacLeod

Dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal in Scotland and Dean of the Order of the Thistle
The Very Reverend Professor David Fergusson OBE

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland
The Right Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton

The State Trumpeters of the Household Calvary

Balmoral Flourishes

Specially composed for today's service

Paul Mealor

ROYAL PROCESSION

Rothesay Herald
Mr Liam Devlin

The Duchess of Rothesay

The Duke of Rothesay
Prince and Great Steward of Scotland

Lord Lyon King of Arms
Dr Joseph Morrow CVO CBE KC

THE QUEEN

The Lord Parker
of Minsmere GCVO KCB
Lord Chamberlain

Mrs Belinda Kim LVO
Deputy Private Secretary to
The Queen

Major Oliver Plunket
Equerry-in-Waiting to
The Queen

Commander Robert Dixon, RN
Equerry-in-Waiting to
The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay

Captain Charles Hay MVO
Major William Galbraith
The King's Body Guard for Scotland
(The Royal Company of Archers)

THE KING

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry
KT KBE CVO
Captain-General, The King's Body Guard
for Scotland (The Royal Company of
Archers) and Gold Stick for Scotland

The Rt. Hon. Sir Clive Alderton KCVO
Principal Private Secretary to
The King and Queen

Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Thompson
Equerry-in-Waiting to
The King

When The King and Queen are seated all shall sit.

Introit: *Let the people praise thee, O God*

Noel de Jongh

Welcome and call to worship: (The Reverend Calum I. MacLeod, Minister of St Giles' Cathedral)

All shall stand as they are able and sing

Psalm 24

Ye gates, lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
*even that same Lord that great in might
and strong in battle is.

Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King,
the King of glory? who is this?
*The Lord of Hosts, and none but he,
The King of glory is.

Coda:

Alleluia! alleluia!
alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Amen, amen, amen.

*The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

Psalm 24: 7–10. The Scottish Psalter 1929. Tune: St George's (Edinburgh)

Prayer: (Led by the Very Reverend Professor David Fergusson, Dean of the Chapel Royal and Dean of the Order of the Thistle)

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let us pray.

All shall be seated.

Eternal and ever blessed God, worthy of praise from every mouth, of confession from every tongue, of worship from every creature, is your glorious name. You sustain our world by your power, your compassion is over all your works, and your mercies never cease. Glory be to you, Creator of all life.

God of faithful people in all times and places, today we lift up our hearts in gratitude for your steadfast love and goodness. You have given us a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. Glory be to you, Giver of all good gifts.

God of all creation, in Christ you gave us a new commandment that we should love one another, even as you love us. Give us grace, we ask you, always to love one another, through the same Jesus Christ in whose words we pray together saying:

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.

Old Testament Reading: (The First Minister, The Rt. Hon. Humza Yousaf MSP)
Psalm 19: 1–6

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Gaelic Psalm: ‘And I Shall Dwell in God’s House’ (Sung by Joy Dunlop)

Dhomh dheasaich bòrd air beul mo nàmh:
Le ola dh’ung mo cheann;
Cur thairis tha mo chopan fòs,
aig meud an làin a th’ ann.

Ach leanaidh math os tràcair rium,
An cian a bhios mi beò;
Is còmhnaicheam an àros Dhè,
Ri fad mo rè ’s mo lò.

*For me you prepared a table before my enemy
With oil you have anointed my head;
Overflowing is my cup yet
Due to the amount of fullness it contains.*

*But goodness and mercy shall follow me
For as long as I shall live;
And I shall dwell in God’s house
For the length of my existence and days.*

Music: Paul Mealar

*Text: Psalm 23. Gaelic Translation: Iain D. Urchardan
Composed for today’s service*

Gospel Reading (Christine De Luca, Former Edinburgh Makar and an Elder of the Church of Scotland) *From Murdoch Nisbet’s New Testament (1520), the first translation into Scots.*
Matthew 5: 1-12

And Jesus seand the pepile, went up into an hill: and quhen he was set, his discipilis com to him: and he opnyt his mouth, and tauchte tham, and said,
Blessit be pure men in spirit: for the kingdom of heuenis is tharis.
Blessit be myld men: for thai sal weld the erde.
Blessit be thai that murnis: for thai salbe confortit.
Blessit be thai that hungris and threstis richtwisnes: for thai salbe fulfillit.
Blessit be merciful men: for thai sal get mercy.
Blessit be thai that ar of clene hart: for thai sal se God.
Blessit be peciabile men: for thai salbe callit Goddis childir.
Blessit be thai that suffiris persecutioun for richtwisnes: for the kingdom of heuenis is tharis.
Ye salbe blessit quhen men sal curse you, and sal persew you, and sal say al euil aganis you leand, for me. Joy ye, and be ye glaid; for your mede is plentuous in heuenis: for sa thai haue persewit alsa prophetis that war before you.

*And seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

'Soay' from *The Lost Songs of St Kilda*

Traditional arr. Rebecca Dale

Nicola Benedetti & The Honours of Scotland Ensemble

Sermon (The Right Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland)

Anthem: Psalm 104 (Sung by the Choir)

My soul give praise unto the Lord of heaven,
In majesty and honour clothed;
The earth he made will not be moved,
The seas he made to be its robe. Give praise.

The waters rise above the highest mountain,
And flow down to the vales and leas;
At springs, wild asses quench their thirst,
And birds make nest amid the trees.
The trees the Lord has made are full of vigour,
The fir tree is a home for storks;
Wild goats find refuge in the hills,
From foes the conies shelter in the rocks.
My soul give praise unto the Lord of heaven,
In majesty and honour clothed;
The earth he made will not be moved,
The seas he made to be its robe. Give praise.

O Lord, how manifold is your creation,
All things in wisdom you provide;
You give your riches to the earth,
And to the sea so great and wide.
You take your creatures' breath and life is ended,
Your breath goes forth and life begins;
Your hand renews the face of earth,

Your praise my whole life I will sing.
My soul give praise unto the Lord of heaven,
In majesty and honour clothed;
The earth he made will not be moved,
The seas he made to be its robe. Give praise.

Music: William Lovelady, abridged and arranged for choir and organ by James Vivian with the composer's permission. Text: Psalm 104, adapted by Sam Dyer

PRESENTATION OF THE HONOURS OF SCOTLAND TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

The Dean shall say:

In this ceremony, we present the Honours of Scotland and the Elizabeth Sword to our King. Held in Edinburgh Castle, these have been brought today to the High Kirk of Edinburgh. The Elizabeth Sword, the Sceptre, and the Crown are Royal symbols. As we offer these to The King, we celebrate the peace and unity of our land and its people, and together we dedicate ourselves anew to serving the common good of our nation.

All shall stand as they are able and remain standing for the presentation of the Honours.

Psalm 36

All shall sing

Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heavens;
thy truth doth reach the clouds:
thy justice is like mountains great;
thy judgements deep as floods.

THE ELIZABETH SWORD

Dame Katherine Grainger DBE: By the symbol of this Sword, we pledge our loyalty, entrusting you to defend our laws, and to uphold justice and peace in our land.

The King: In receiving this Sword, I so promise by God's help.

The Dean: 'Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.' May God give us grace to seek what is just and right.

All shall sing

Lord, all creation thou dost keep.
How precious is thy grace!
Therefore in shadow of thy wings
we all our trust shall place.

THE SCEPTRE

Lady Dorrian: By the symbol of this Sceptre, we pledge our loyalty, entrusting you to seek the prosperity of this nation, the Commonwealth, and the whole earth.

The King: In receiving this Sceptre, I so promise by God's help.

The Dean: 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.' May God give us grace to seek the welfare of all.

All shall sing

We with the bounty of thy house
shall be well satisfied;
from rivers of thy pleasures thou
wilt drink to us provide.

THE CROWN

The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon: By the symbol of this Crown, we pledge our loyalty, entrusting you to reign as our King in the service of all your people.

The King: In receiving this Crown, I so promise by God's help.

The Dean: 'What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?' May God give us grace to follow in this way.

All shall sing

Because of life the fountain pure
remains alone with thee;
and in that purest light of thine
we clearly light shall see.

Tune: London New; Melody from Scottish Psalter, 1635

After the Honours of Scotland have been returned to the Honours Table, all shall be seated.

Prayer for the King (The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church) *This traditional prayer is attributed to St Columba*

Lord Jesus Christ, who from everlasting rules over all earthly governors; we beseech you to strengthen our gracious Sovereign, King Charles, for the duties of the high estate to which you have called him. Exalt him that he may hold the Sceptre of salvation; enrich him with such gifts of your mercy as shall bring him holiness; and grant to him by your inspiration even so to rule his people in meekness and humility, as you did cause Solomon to obtain a kingdom of peace. May he be ever subject to you in fear, and fight for you in quietness; may he be protected by your shield, and remain ever victorious without warfare. And grant that the nations may keep faith with him, and that his counsellors in all his dominions may have peace and love charity. Establish his government in strength and righteousness; and in your mercy bestow upon him a kingdom without end, that he may rejoice to glorify you, who lives and reigns with the Eternal Father, together with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving and Dedication (Sung by Karen Cargill with the Ayoub Sisters)

We thocht, fan it wis Springtime
nae sun could be sae bright.
We thocht fan it wis Simmer
nae day culd be sae licht.
We thocht fan it wis hairst
there was nae purer gawd.
And Winter brocht mair brawness
than ere the hert culd haud.

*We thought when it was springtime,
no sun could be so bright.
We thought when it was summer,
no day could be so light.
We thought when it was autumn,
there was no purer gold.
And winter's brought more beauty
than the heart could ever hold.*

Commissioned for this service by The King, composed by Joanna Gill and adapted by Gordon Hay

Blessings and Greetings from Representatives of Faith and Belief Communities

Lord Almighty, we beseech you, with your favour to behold Their Most Gracious Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla, and so grace them with your Wisdom, that they may always be inclined to do your will.

(Chief Imam Dr Sayed Razawi, Director General, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society)

May Goddess Sri Lakshmi and God Sri Venkateswara bless Your Majesties and The Royal Family with purity and unity of thoughts, words and deeds to serve and uplift the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

(Dr Srihari Vallabhajousula, Honorary Priest, Hindu Temple of Scotland, Glasgow)

Your Majesties, as neighbours in faith, we acknowledge the value of public service. We unite with people of all faiths and beliefs in thanksgiving, and in service with you for the common good. May God prolong your days with happiness and your years with well-being.

(Rabbi Moshe Rubin, Giffnock Newton Mearns Shul and Senior Rabbi in Scotland)

Namo Buddha, I supplicate the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of the three times and ten directions to bestow Their blessings upon Your Majesties. May wisdom be your crown, compassion your sceptre and loving kindness your orb, adorned with the jewels of impartiality, humility and service, for the benefit of beings in this realm and beyond. May it be so.

(Getsulma - Ani Rinchen Khandro, Director of Kagyu Samye Dzong Edinburgh, Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Centre)

We affirm anew that 'all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights'. And today we gladly celebrate with you and with all assembled here that spirit of equality.

(Fraser Sutherland, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland)

'Ye banks and braes' *Robert Burns* *Traditional arr. John Kitchen*
Sung by the National Youth Choir of Scotland Chamber Choir and conducted by
Mr Mark Evans

Prayers of Intercession and Dedication (Prayers are led by The Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh; Professor Liz Grant, member of the Church of Scotland; The Reverend Dr Amos Chewachong, minister of Newport-on-Tay Parish Church; and the Dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal)

We pray for Their Majesties The King and Queen that you will guide their steps and direct their paths, that they may be given strength for every task, faith to sustain them through hard times and light for the way ahead; bless and sustain them in their work, and also Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, and all The Royal Family that they may be inspired by love and devotion to our common cause.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation asking that resolve and a steady purpose may be given to those who exercise responsibility on our behalf, for those who frame our laws and shape our life together, for those who keep the peace, administer justice, heal the sick, teach the young,

and pursue fair commerce. Grant wisdom, skill, and a pursuit of the common good amongst all who lead us in national and local government.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your love and power, we dedicate ourselves again to lives that are hopeful, cheerful, and of service to others. In the midst of doubt, let us celebrate the persistence of faith; in the face of fear, let us give thanks for the presence of hope; when confronted by anger, let us rejoice in the power of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith, especially those whose lives shine bright before us in example and encouragement. Grant that we may follow them and come to share the glory of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

All will stand as they are able and sing

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory
while unending ages run.

*7th or 8th century, translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866), Tune: Westminster Abbey.
String accompaniment and verse 2 arr. Andrew Carvel, verse 3 trumpet obbligato composed Jay Capperault*

All shall be seated.

THE STONE OF DESTINY (The Lord Lyon)

The presence of the Stone of Destiny or Scone in this High Kirk of Edinburgh on this occasion is a historic moment in the life of Scotland.

Carved from the earth, this is a simple piece of stone. Yet, in its simplicity, it has precious and significant symbolism for the people of this land.

The Stone of Destiny – *An Lia Fáil* – is an ancient symbol of Scottish Sovereignty.

The National Anthem

All will stand as they are able and sing

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
God save the King!

Blessing (The Moderator of the General Assembly)

The worship is over, let the service begin.

Beloved, go in peace.

And the blessing of the God of love, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, go with you this day and for evermore. Amen.

After the Blessing the Royal Procession will follow the Clergy out of the Cathedral in the following order:

The Lyon Macer

Officers of Arms

The Bearers of the National Flag and Royal Standard

The Elizabeth Sword and escort

The Sceptre and escort

The Crown and escort

Rothesay Herald

The Lord Lyon King of Arms

THE QUEEN

THE KING

The Duchess of Rothesay

The Duke of Rothesay

The Lord Chamberlain

The Captain-General

Members of the Royal Household in Attendance

Members of the Royal Company of Archers

An Officer of the Royal Company of Archers

The Lyon Macer and the Officers of Arms will line the West steps of the Cathedral, the Bearers of the National Flag and Royal Standard will flank the West Door, the Bearers of the Honours and escorts will proceed to the North Pavement.

The Clergy and the Lord Lyon will take leave of Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses who will return by car to the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

On the departure of the Royal Party the Lord Lyon will lead the Honours of Scotland into the Signet Library, followed by the Lyon Macer and Officers of Arms and the Bearers of the National Flag and Royal Standard.

A Sovereign's Escort of The King's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers) will remain on the inner West Steps of the Cathedral:

Lord Calum Graham
Brigadier Jonathan Biggart MBE
Richard Baird of Rickarton, Ury and Lochwood
Mr Matthew Benson
Mr Edward Douglas Miller
Mr Alex Mackenzie Smith

Recessional

March: The Call of Lochnagar

Paul Mealor

Commissioned for this service by The King and performed by the Honours of Scotland Ensemble and the Fanfare Trumpeters of the Royal Air Force

Organ Voluntary

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4

Edward Elgar

Soloists

Aaron Azunda Akugbo	Trumpet
Laura Ayoub	Violin
Sarah Ayoub	Piano
Nicola Benedetti	Violin
Karen Cargill	Mezzo Soprano
Jordan English	Organ
Ryan Corbett	Accordion
Joy Dunlop	Voice
Robert Lovie	Voice

Conductors

Michael Harris	St Giles' Cathedral
Mark Evans	National Youth Choir of Scotland
Michael Bawtree	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Squadron Leader Richard A Murray	Director of Music (RAF)

National Youth Choir of Scotland Chamber Choir

The Choir of St Giles' Cathedral

The State Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry

Fanfare Trumpeters of the Band of the Royal Air Force College

The Honours of Scotland Ensemble is made up of musicians from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, representing three Scottish patronages of His Majesty The King.

Director: Stephanie Gonley	SCO
Michelle Dierx	SCO
Stewart Webster	SBO
Marcus Barcham Stevens	SCO
Emma Baird	RCS
Felix Tanner	SCO
Steve King	SCO
Niamh Molloy	SCO
Helen La Grand	RCS
Adrian Bornet	SCO
Eleanor Hudson	SCO