

The Coronation Service

The Preparation—In the morning upon the day of the Coronation early, care is taken that the Ampulla be filled with oil and, together with the Spoon, be laid ready upon the Altar in the Abbey-Church. The Archbishops and Bishops Assistant being already vested in their Copes, the Procession shall be formed immediately outside of the West Door of the Church, and shall wait till notice is given of the approach of their Majesties, and shall then begin to move into the Church.

The Entrance into the Church—The King and Queen, as soon as they enter at the West Door of the Church, are to be received with an anthem to be sung by the choir of Westminster. The King and Queen in the meantime pass up through the body of the Church, into and through the Choir, and so up the stairs to the Theatre ; and having passed by their Thrones, they make their humble adoration, and then kneeling at the Faldstools set for them before their Chairs, use some short private prayers ; and after, sit down, not in their Thrones, but in their Chairs before, and below, their Thrones.

The Recognition—The King standing up by his Chair, turns and shews himself unto the people, as the Archbishop speaks thus to the people :

"Sirs, I here present unto you King George, the Undoubted King of this Realm : Wherefore all you who are come this day to do your Homage, are you willing to do the same ?"

The people signify their willingness and joy, by loud and repeated acclamations, all with one voice crying out, "GOD SAVE KING GEORGE."
Then the Trumpets sound.

Then followeth the Litany, the Communion Service and the Sermon.

The Walk—The sermon being ended, the Archbishop goeth to the King, and standing before him, administers the Coronation Oath.

The Anointing—The King sits down in the chair placed in the midst of the Area over against the Altar, with a Faldstool before it, wherein he is to be anointed. Four Knights of the Garter hold over him a rich Pall of Silk, or Cloth of Gold, delivered to them by the Lord Chamberlain : The Dean of Westminster, taking the Ampulla and Spoon from off the Altar, holdeth them ready, pouring some of the Holy Oil into the Spoon, and with it the Archbishop anointeth the King in the form of a Cross : On the Crown of the Head, on the Breast, and on the Palms of Both Hands.

The Presenting of the Spurs and Sword, and the Girding and Oblation of the said Sword—The Archbishop saith : "Receive this

Kingly Sword, brought now from the Altar of God, and delivered to you by the hands of us the Bishops and servants of God, though unworthy."

The King, standing up, the Sword is girt about him by the Lord Great Chamberlain ; and then, the King sitting down, the Archbishop saith :

"With this Sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the Holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order : that doing these things you may be glorious in all virtue ; and so faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ in this life, that you may reign with Him forever in the life which is to come."

The Investing with the Armilla and Imperial Mantle, and the Delivery of the Orb—Then the King arising, the Armilla and Imperial Mantle or Pall of Cloth of Gold, are put upon the King, standing ; the Archbishop pronouncing the Blessing and Exhortation.

The Investiture per Annulum et Barulum—The Officer of the Jewel House delivers the King's Ring to the Archbishop, who puts the ring on the fourth finger of His Majesty's right hand, and saith, "Receive this Ring, the ensign of Kingly Dignity, and of Defence of the Catholic Faith ; and as you are this day solemnly invested in the government of this earthly kingdom, so may you be sealed with that spirit of promise, which is the earnest of an heavenly inheritance, and reign with Him who is the blessed and only Potentate, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."