

Then the Archbishop went on to the Post-Communion, and after the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Oblation had been said, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh rose, and Her Majesty, again putting on her Crown and receiving back into her hands the Sceptre and the Rod, repaired to her Throne, supported and attended as before, and sat down therein. And the Duke of Edinburgh, putting on his coronet, returned to his chair, conducted as before.

Then the choir sang the *Gloria*: and the same being concluded, the people knelt and the Archbishop pronounced the Blessing.

After which, all the people standing, the choir sang the *Te Deum*.

THE RECESS

Then the Queen, supported as before, the four Swords being borne before Her Majesty, descended from her Throne, crowned and carrying the Sceptre and the Rod in her hands, and went into the Area; and, the Archbishop preceding her, she entered Saint Edward's Chapel, passing by the south side of the Altar: and after her followed her Maids of Honour, the Mistress of the Robes and the Groom of the Robes, and after them the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Earl Marshal and the Lords who carried the Orb, the Spurs, and Saint Edward's Staff in the Procession (the Dean of Westminster delivering them to the bearers thereof as they passed the Altar); and lastly went in the Dean.

The Queen, having come into the Chapel, delivered to the Archbishop at the Altar there the Sceptre and the Rod, and they were laid upon the Altar: and the Archbishop received the Crown from Her Majesty and laid it also upon the Altar. Then Her Majesty retired to her Traverse and, assisted by the Mistress of the Robes, and attended by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Groom of the Robes, was disrobed of her Robe Royal and the other vestments which had been delivered to her during the Solemnities, and was arrayed in her Robe of Purple Velvet.

In the meantime the Dean laid upon Saint Edward's Altar the Orb, the Spurs, and Saint Edward's Staff, receiving them from the bearers thereof, who forthwith (preceded by the Lords bearing the four Swords) withdrew from the Chapel and took their places in the Procession which was being formed in the Church.

The Procession was formed in the same order as on entering the Abbey, except that the Bishops who had carried the Bible, the Chalice, and the Paten, the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Dean and Prebendaries of Westminster, remained in the Sacrarium, and the Representatives of the Church of Scotland and of the Free Churches, the Domestic Chaplains and the Chaplains, remained in their seats. The Four Swords were carried before the Queen, and were received near the west door by the Keeper of the Jewel House. Peers and Peeresses wore their coronets and Kings of Arms their crowns.

Her Majesty being ready, and wearing her Imperial Crown, received the Sceptre with the Cross into her right hand and into her left hand the Orb from the Archbishop, who having delivered them to her, withdrew from the Chapel and took his place in the Procession: and the Lord Great Chamberlain did likewise; the Dean also withdrawing from the Chapel and going to the High Altar.

Then, at a signal given by the Earl Marshal, the Procession moved forward, and the Queen, leaving Saint Edward's Chapel, whilst all assembled sang the National Anthem, proceeded in State, supported as before, through the Choir and the Nave to the West Door of the Church.

THE PROCESSION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, FROM THE ROYAL GALLERY TO THE WEST DOOR OF THE ABBEY

When the Procession of Her Majesty the Queen had withdrawn from the Area, the Procession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Members of the Royal Family followed in this order:—

BLUEMANTLE PURSUIVANT

ALBANY HERALD

ROTHESAY HERALD

SOMERSET HERALD

HER MAJESTY'S LORD CHAMBERLAIN

Lieut.-Colonel the Earl of Airlie, K.T., G.C.V.O., M.C.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Her Majesty's train borne by

THE MISTRESS OF THE ROBES

The Duchess Dowager of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E.

assisted by

Jonathan Peel, Esq.

Michael Anson, Esq.

Viscount Carlow

The Earl Erne

the train of the Mistress of the Robes borne by

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton

HER MAJESTY'S TREASURER

Sir Arthur Penn, G.C.V.O., M.C.

LADY OF THE BEDCHAMBER

The Countess Spencer, O.B.E.