

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II for KS1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGLN1kREJ2Q> (original)

Cast

Queen +6 ladies in waiting

The Queen Mother +6 page boys

Archbishop of Canterbury

2 bishops

Mistress of the robes

4 Knights

Flag bearer

Props

cloaks

feather pen and ledger to sign

Bible(for oath)

sword

coins (to redeem sword)

spoon for anointing

large square of gold cloth

orb, rod and sceptre

crown

Music (from Coronation Album): Trumpet tune, Zadok the Priest, Fanfare and National Anthem, Crown Imperial March.

Union Flag

The congregation play the part of assembled peers and peeresses. They are seated in the church, waiting for procession to arrive. The Archbishop stands by the altar; the four knights stand to one side at the front; the mistress of the robes stands to the other side.

The crown, orb and sceptre and sword are all on a table at the front of the church. The ledger (oath) and pen are on the altar.

Trumpet tune announces arrival of The Queen

All stand

The Queen processes down the aisle with the two bishops either side of her. Six ladies in waiting walk behind her, holding her cloak.

The Queen Mother processes behind The Queen with six page boys walking behind her, to hold her cloak.

The Queen stands by the altar, as the two bishops move one to each side.

The Queen Mother goes to her seat at the front, with her ladies in waiting.

The Queen turns and bows to each part of the church.

All sit. The Queen sits on her throne in front of the altar, facing the congregation.

The Archbishop stands in front of her.

Archbishop: Madam, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

Queen: I am willing.

Bishop gives the Queen the Bible to hold.

Archbishop: Will you promise to rule over all the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and all your other countries?

Queen: I will solemnly promise.

Archbishop: Will you make sure everyone is judged fairly?

Queen: I Will.

Archbishop: Will you keep the Laws of God? Will you look after the Church of England?

Queen: All this I promise to do.

Queen gets out of her Chair. The Sword of State is carried in front of her to the Altar, by one of the bishops. The other bishop carries the Bible to the altar. The Queen stands to one side of the altar and puts her hand on the Bible.

Queen: I will do the things which I have promised to do. So help me God.

Queen kisses the Bible and signs the Oath, then returns to her throne.

The mistress of the robes steps forward and removes The Queen's cloak, to reveal a simple white dress.

The Queen sits on her throne.

The four knights step forward holding up the gold cloth (on bamboo canes).

The Archbishop steps forward and pretends to anoint The Queen, by spooning oil over her head.

Play 'Zadok the Priest'

Mistress of the robes steps forward and puts The Queen's cloak back on.

A bishop fetches the orb from the altar and gives it to the Archbishop, who puts it in The Queen's right hand.

The same bishop brings the rod and sceptre and gives them to the Archbishop.

Archbishop: Receive the Royal sceptre, a sign of power and justice.

The Archbishop puts the sceptre in The Queen's right hand(second bishop to take orb from her).

Archbishop: Receive the rod of mercy.

The Archbishop puts the rod into The Queen's left hand.

The second bishop brings the crown (on a cushion) and stands next to the Archbishop.

The Archbishop places the crown on The Queen's head.

All: God save The Queen, Long live The Queen!

Fanfare(and National Anthem)

All put on crowns.

All stand and sing The National Anthem (except The Queen)

Crown Imperial March to go out.

Flag bearer to lead the procession, followed by the Archbishop ,then the Queen with bishops and ladies in waiting followed by the Queen Mother and page boys.