

King Charles Coronation, May 6-8

May 2, 2023

May 6-8, 2023: London, UK: The **King's coronation program** will begin at Westminster Abbey in London, UK on Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. British Standard Time. The Service will be conducted by the **Archbishop of Canterbury** and will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.



May 6-8, 2023: Coronation of King Charles Third

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'. After the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

The Coronation will include many ceremonies such as the oath, anointing, homage and enthronement. Charles will also have the crown of St Edward placed on his head, officially crowning him as King Charles III.

The events of the Coronation will be broadcast live by BBC One and BBC iPlayer, as well as BBC Radio 2 and BBC Sounds, UK, CBC Canada and Fox News USA, along with many other networks in the world.

At the coronation event, the number of guests is 2,000 as compared with 8,000 in 1953 and the duration of the coronation at Westminster Abbey has been reduced to 2 hours from the event of 3 hours in 1953. The military procession has also been reduced from 16,000 members of the armed forces in 1953 to 2,000 members on 6th May 2023.

The King and Queen Consort will wear repurposed **robes which were used by George VI and Elizabeth II**. The Queen Consort will also wear a new Robe of Estate, drawing on the themes of nature and the environment as depicted in the invitation.

DIVERSITY: **Rishi Sunak**, the U.K.'s first prime minister who practises the Hindu faith, will give a reading from the Bible. He will be joined by Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf, the first Muslim to hold that post, as well as faith leaders of most religions. Words in the **Celtic languages** and **Greek** will be spoken, the latter to honour the King's late father, Prince Philip.

The service will also feature Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and Jewish leaders who will have roles in the proceedings along with female clergy. While the coronation fundamentally remains an Anglican rite, the oaths will make clear that the King will commit to a **multifaith society** and "seek to foster an environment in which people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely."

Governors General from three of the 14 Commonwealth realms – Canada, New Zealand and Belize – are drawn from Indigenous communities, and six are women.

THE COMMONWEALTH: In 1953, at Queen Elizabeth's coronation, there were only 8 members, for all of whom the Queen was the sovereign. Today there are 56 members, out of which 14 are members of the Realm. The Realm members will each issue a proclamation, declaring their allegiance to King Charles III.

The new Commonwealth was formed in 1949, when India joined it as a Republic.

It started with conferences of Dominions, semi-independent countries, becoming members of Commonwealth since 1887. At the 1926 conference, Britain and the Dominions (Australia, Canada, the Irish Free State, Newfoundland, New Zealand and South Africa) agreed that they were all equal

members of a community within the British Empire. They all owed allegiance to the British king or queen, but the United Kingdom did not rule over them.



May 3, 2023: Rehearsal of Coronation Ceremony: Gold State coach

After India became a Republic, in 1949, the London Declaration said that republics and other countries could be part of the Commonwealth and the modern Commonwealth of Nations was born.

The last four countries to join the Commonwealth - Rwanda, Mozambique, Gabon and Togo - have no historical ties to the British Empire.

(Reference: <https://thecommonwealth.org/history>)

OFFICIAL VISIT to the UK of Great Britain by the Governor General of Canada:
for attending the Coronation Service and celebrations of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort:

Thursday, May 4: 12:30 p.m.: **Audience with His Majesty The King and National Indigenous Leaders:** The Governor General and National Indigenous Leaders Assembly of First Nations National Chief RoseAnne Archibald, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Natan Obed, and President of the Métis National Council Cassidy Caron will have an audience with His Majesty The King at the *Buckingham Palace*.

Friday, May 5: 5 p.m.: **Reception hosted by His Majesty The King:** The Governor General will attend a reception for overseas guests hosted by His Majesty King Charles III at the *Buckingham Palace*.

(Reference: <https://www.gg.ca/en/media/news/2023/governor-general-attend-coronation-service-his-majesty-king-charles-iii>)



King Charles at Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Concert, Buckingham Palace
OTHER CEREMONIES: On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged at Windsor Castle grounds. The Concert will be broadcast live by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.

The Coronation Concert will feature a Union Flag-shaped stage, according to mock-up images released by the BBC. With over 20,000 members of the public set to attend, the design of the show aims to embrace the architecture of Windsor Castle. The stage will frame the beautiful Eastern Facade of the castle, featuring multiple levels for the 70-piece orchestra and four additional catwalks that branch out of the flag into the crowd.



Nigerian singer: Tiwa Savage to perform at the Coronation Concert

Along with Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, Steve Winwood (*rock 'n' roll legend*), DJ Pete Tong, Lang Lang (the great Pianist), Lucy, Paloma Faith and Olly Murs, Tiwa Savage will entertain the guests at the Coronation Concert and at the Big Lunch on Sunday, 7th May 2023.



Pop star: Nicole Scherzinger

The pop star Nicole Scherzinger, who used to be the lead singer of the Pussycat Dolls, will also perform at the Concert. The incredible mix of artistes for the Concert includes Take That, Andrea Bocelli, Sir Bryn Terfel, Freya Ridings, Alexis French and a collaboration of five Royal patronages.

The BBC announced that Tom Cruise, Dame Joan Collins and Disney's Winnie the Pooh would also feature in the concert.

JERUB, an emerging Nigeria-born and Nottingham-based musician whose sound is rooted in pop, soul and indie, is also billed to sing at the Concert.

Famous movie names like Tom Jones, Bear Grylls and Oti Mabuse are among the stars appearing in a series of pre-recorded sketches and segments revealing little-known facts about the king.

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on Sunday, 7th May 2023. (Reference: <https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>)



Canada: Governor General: Her Excellency the Rt Honourable Mary Simon

Ahead of the coronation, a retrospective special titled “King Charles III: The Crown and the Quarrels” will also air May 4 at 10 p.m. EDT on CTV, CTV News Channel and CTVNews.ca, along with the CTV and CTV News apps. An encore presentation will air on May 6 starting at 3 a.m. EDT.

At Toronto, at **St. James Cathedral**, the choir, along with a professional orchestra, will present a concert of “Coronation Anthems” at 7:30 p.m. on May 6. The anthems were created by George Frederick Handel and were written for the coronation of George II in 1727. A flag-raising ceremony at Queen’s Park will take place on May 6, according to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



Ontario: Lt. Governor: Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell (2014–present, 29th)
(Reference: <https://www.lgontario.ca/en/biography/>)

Along with the celebrities of the western world, Sonam Kapoor, a well-known actress of Indian Films, has been invited to the coronation event of King Charles



Sonam Kapoor

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King Charles III ascended the throne on 8th September 2022, following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. King Charles III and his wife Camila would be officially crowned on 6th May.