

- 3.29 p.m. Her Royal Highness presents the Queen's Colour.
A Royal Salute will then be given. (Note 1).
- 3.37 p.m. Parade will then give three cheers for Her Royal Highness.
- 3.40 p.m. The New Colour Guard with the Colour will march past Her Royal Highness. (Note 1).
- 3.45 p.m. After a Royal Salute Her Royal Highness will depart. (Note 1).
- 3.47 p.m. Parade will disperse.
(Spectators are requested to remain in their positions until the Colour has left the Royal Naval Barracks and the remainder of the Parade has dispersed).

Note 1. Officers and ratings salute during the playing of the National Anthem and on all occasions of being passed by the Colour.

Note 2. Officers and rating spectators remove caps during the Consecration Service.



**PRESENTATION
OF THE
QUEEN'S COLOUR
to the Portsmouth Command**

by
**Her Royal Highness
THE DUCHESS OF KENT**

at the
**Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth
Thursday, 22nd May, 1952**

ORDER OF CEREMONY

- 2.20 p.m. Parade assembles.
- 2.35 p.m. Guards escorting Old Colour arrive on parade. (Note 1).
- 2.58 p.m. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Arthur J. Power, G.C.B., G.B.E., C.V.O., Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, arrives.
- 3.00 p.m. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent arrives. (Note 1).
- 3.03 p.m. Her Royal Highness inspects the Old and New Colour Guards.
- 3.10 p.m. Troop of the Old Colour. (Note 1).
- 3.17 p.m. The Old Colour will be marched off after the Royal Salute. (Note 1).
- 3.19 p.m. The New Colour (cased) will be marched on to the Parade for the Consecration Service.
- 3.22 p.m. The Chaplain will be invited with these words to consecrate the Colour. (Note 2).

“Reverend Sir, on behalf of the Portsmouth Command we ask you to bid God’s blessing on this Colour”.

The Chaplain shall say:

“We are ready so to do.

We are met together before God to ask his blessing upon this Colour, the solemn symbol of loyalty to our Queen and Country. May it never be unfurled save in the cause of justice, righteousness and truth.”

Chaplain: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Chaplain: Let us pray.

Collect for Ascension Day :—

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy Holy Word that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom. We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Elizabeth, thy servant, our Queen and Governor, that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to her charge in wealth, peace and godliness. Grant this O merciful Father, for thy Son’s sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, who from thy throne beholdest all the kingdoms of the earth, have regard unto our land, that it may continue a place and a people who serve Thee to the end of time. Guide the governing of this great Empire, here and in the far corners of the world, and grant that all who live beneath our flag may be so mindful of that threefold cross, that they may work for the good of others, according to the example of Him who died in the service of men, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Laying his hand upon the Colour, the Chaplain shall say:

In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God, we consecrate this Colour. May it ever be to us a sign of our duty to our Queen and Country.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.