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700th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

In May 1242 David De Burnham Bishop of St. Andrew's consecrated St. Michael's Church, Linlithgow, Scotland, and today witnesses the 700th anniversary of the ancient shrine. Abutting the church are the remains of a former royal palace built in the fifteenth century and a favourite residence of the Scottish Kings. It was the birthplace of James V. The congregation walk in procession through the palace to the church. They pass under the famous emblazoned gateway with its fine emblems, relics of the reign of the monarch who was father of Mary, Queen of Scotland. 700 years of faithful service, seven centuries of church history, is celebrated today. After assembling in the inner pose, the clergy proceed to the church. They represent all the religious bodies in Scotland. The order of the service is much the same as it was 700 years ago. St. Michael's has a future as well as a past.