



The enthronement was preceded by a long process of consultations which resulted in the announcement made on November 9, 2012, that Bishop Justin Welby of Durham was elected as Archbishop of Canterbury. The next step was made by the College of the Cathedral Canons who approved his election on behalf of the clergy and the diocese. Justin Welby was installed in the office on February 4, 2013, during the solemn ceremony at St. Paul's in London, and his enthronement to mark the beginning of his ministry took place on March 21, 2013, at Canterbury Cathedral.

In its present form, the rite has been celebrated since 1848. First the archbishop was welcomed at the entrance door of the cathedral. Then he took an oath on the Gospel pledging to preserve the statutes and traditions of the Church of England. After that, the Archdeacon installed him in the Throne of Canterbury and the Dean of Canterbury installed him in the throne of St. Augustine as the new primate of all England and head of the Anglican Communion. After the kiss of peace and the old hymn 'Be thou praised, O Lord', the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby delivered his first sermon in Canterbury Cathedral.

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