

The Duke of Rothesay will attend the Kirking of the Parliament today

As part of the traditional events which are taking place ahead of the new session of the Scottish Parliament the Duke of Rothesay will attend the Kirking of the Parliament at St Giles today.



His Royal Highness The Duke of Rothesay will be joined by newly elected MSPs, representatives from organisations across Scotland, the diplomatic corps, Scotland's faiths and other guests.

The Reverend Calum MacLeod, Minister of St Giles' Cathedral will lead the evening service.

Guests will be greeted by music played by a quartet from the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. Music during the service will be performed by Becky Hill (Clarsach) and Charlie Stewart (fiddle) from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

The service includes:

A reading by the Presiding Officer, the Rt Hon Tricia Marwick (St Mark 12: 13-17)

A performance by the Choir of St Giles' Cathedral

Interfaith blessings from representatives of a range of faith and humanist communities

A sermon by The Right Reverend Dr Angus Morrison, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

The Act of Commendation

The service concludes with the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. After the service, His Royal Highness The Duke of Rothesay will meet party leaders, before attending the Presiding Officer's reception in Parliament Hall.

Presiding Officer Tricia Marwick said:

"It is an honour to take part in a tradition as historic as the Kirking of the Scottish Parliament, a ceremony which was resumed when Parliament reconvened in 1999.

"It will be my pleasure to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of Rothesay as we enjoy a modern service alongside our MSPs and representatives of many faiths."