



*Staten-Generaal*

PROGRAMME FOR THE SWEARING  
IN AND INVESTITURE OF HIS  
MAJESTY KING WILLEM-ALEXANDER  
IN THE JOINT SESSION OF THE STATES  
GENERAL TO BE HELD IN

THE NIEUWE KERK IN AMSTERDAM ON TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2013

## 11.30 - 13.00 uur: Arrival of the invitees

- 13:05 uur: Arrival of the Members of the States General and the delegations of the States of Aruba, the States of Curacao and the States of Sint Maarten.
- 13.15 uur: Arrival of Royal and Special Missions sent by friendly Heads of State.
- 13.30 uur: **Opening of the Joint Session of the States General by the President of the Joint Session, Mr G.J. de Graaf.**  
*Reading out of a letter from the Prime Minister*  
*Appointment by the President of the Chair and the Members of the Committee of Ushers to His Majesty the King.*
- 13.40 uur: Arrival of the Ministers and State Secretaries and of the Members of the Council of State.
- 13.50 uur: Arrival of Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands and the other members of the Royal Family.
- 14.00 uur: **Arrival of His Majesty the King and the Royal Procession.**

## Music

His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen are escorted to their places by the Committee of Ushers.

The *Wilhelmus* (couplets 1 and 6) is sung by the choirs and guests, accompanied on the organ.

**His Majesty the King** delivers an address.

**His Majesty the King** swears the oath referred to in article 32 of the Constitution

## Music

**The President of the Joint Session** delivers an address.

**The President of the Joint Session** makes the Solemn Declaration prescribed by the Swearing-in and Investiture of the King-act.

**The Secretaries General** read out the names of the members of the States General and the delegations of the States of Aruba, the States of Curacao and the States of Sint Maarten, who then rise when their name is called to swear or affirm allegiance in keeping with the Solemn Declaration.

**The President of the Joint Session:** notes that the Investiture ceremony has been completed.

**The Elder of the Kings of Arms** proclaims: 'The King has been invested'

**The President of the Joint Session proclaims:** 'Long live the King'  
*followed by three cheers by all present*

**The Herald of Arms**, together with the horn players, make their way outside, where the elder of the Heralds proclaims:  
'His Majesty King Willem-Alexander has been invested',  
followed by three cheers:  
'Long live the King'.

## Music

The Royal Procession forms. His Majesty the King and her Majesty the Queen, escorted by the Committee of Ushers, lead the Royal Procession to the exit.

## Music

Preceded by the Secretary General of the Senate, Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix and the other members of the Royal Family leave the church.

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**Closure of the Joint Session of the States General by the President.**