

FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S APPROBATION
AND SIGNATURE IF APPROVED

Your Majesty's letter to the General Assembly
Of the Church of Scotland to be read at the opening
Of the online General Assembly on 2nd October 2020

Alba Storer
24 September 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

Right Reverend and Well Beloved, We Greet You Well.

We gladly renew on this Occasion Our pledge to preserve and uphold the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland. In doing so, We acknowledge, with Gratitude to Almighty God, the Church's steadfast witness to the Christian faith and its services to our people in Scotland and in many lands overseas.

The Covid-19 pandemic has challenged every aspect of our common life and has caused much suffering and heartbreak.

We greatly admire the ways in which the Church of Scotland has responded to these difficult days. Care has been offered to the bereaved whose grieving has been constricted by restrictions on funerals while churches have kept open their doors to feed the poor and offer safe space to the children of key workers. Many congregations have taken their worship on-line and touched the lives of people who did not in normal times attend church services. The Kirk's care workers have remained faithful in sustaining the services upon which so many older people and their families depend.

