

Please join us as we commemorate the life of Charles I of England, King & Martyr.

Charles was the reigning Monarch during the English Civil War of the mid-17<sup>th</sup> Century. The saintly King fought for England and the Church, defending it against the Puritanical political forces which, among many other things, aimed to dismantle the Biblical three-fold order of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Had Charles been willing to agree to this, as well as other Puritanical demands such as the dissolution of the established Church of England, the banning of wedding rings at marriage ceremonies, the banning of Christmas and other holidays, the King could have saved his own life. Charles, due to his deep-seated faith in the historic faith of the universal Church, was unable to agree to such extreme demands by the opposition forces.

Oliver Cromwell's rebel army and parliament captured the king after several years of war, put him on a show trial, and sentenced him to death. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 1649, upon the sca old, the place of his execution and martyrdom, Charles said, "I go from a corruptible, to an incorruptible Crown; where no disturbance can be, no disturbance in the World."

Remember!

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