



THE JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION  
LONDON

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*in commemoration of*

JAMAICA'S 59<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

SATURDAY | 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2020 | 11:00AM



# *Officiating Clergy*

**The Rt. Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin CD, MBE**  
Bishop of Dover

**Bishop Derek Webley MBE, DL**  
National Secretary Treasurer UK  
New Testament Church of God

**Reverend Pamela Thompson**  
New Testament Church of God  
Burton-on-Trent

**Organist**  
Mr. Carl Jackson MVO, MA, ARAM, FRCO

**Pianist**  
Mr. Tony Best

**Soloist**  
Mrs. Deborah Etareri

**Choir**  
Jamaican High Commission Staff Choir  
Led by Mrs. Claudette Barrett-Francis

**Children's Choir**  
Eva Ako; Mya Ako; Milania Blake ; Sir-Riyah Honeyghan-Buton; Kealene Clarke; Kayla Edwin;  
Robyn Mitchell ; Miamie Rae-Gordon; Tariah Jadusingh; Arielle Knight; Shereece Martin; Ashai  
Murray; Isis Murray; Hisham Murray;  
Rickael Clarke.  
Led by Ms. Ann-Marie Pinkney and Ms. Angela Edwards

**Flag Bearers**  
Mr. Devon Thorpe, ex Jamaica Defence Force  
Mr. Horace Francis, ex Jamaica Defence Force

# Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

The Welcome.....High Commissioner,  
H.E. Seth George Ramocan CD

Opening Prayer.....Revd. Pamela Thompson

Hymn.....To God Be the Glory  
(Recorded at the 2019 Independence Service of Praise and Thanksgiving)

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

### *Chorus*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the people rejoice  
Come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
Give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

### *Chorus*

Great things He has taught us great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our worship when Jesus we see

### *Chorus*

**First Reading**.....Psalm 121: 1-8  
By: Councillor Angela Harvey, Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster

**National Pledge**.....Performed by the Children’s Choir  
(The children of the Staff and Friends of the Jamaican High Commission)

**National Pledge**

Before God and all mankind,  
I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart  
The wisdom and courage of mind,  
The strength and vigour of my body  
In the service of my fellow citizens;  
I promise to stand up for justice  
Brotherhood and Peace,

To work diligently and creatively,  
To think generously and honestly,  
So that Jamaica may, under God,  
Increase in beauty, fellowship and prosperity,  
And play her part in advancing  
The welfare of the whole human race.

**Patriotic Song: ‘Jamaica Land of Beauty’**  
sung by Mrs. Deborah Etareri

**Dance of Praise**.....Choreographed by Mr. Carlton “Jackie” Guy, CD, MBE  
*Performed at the 2019 Church Service*

**Musical Item**.....‘United Together’  
A medley written and arranged by John Fisher BEM.  
Performed by the Diaspora Choir

**Second Reading** .....Romans 15:1-13  
By: Ms. Genevieve Mahbeer  
Member of the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council

**Sermon**.....Bishop Derek Webley

**Special Prayer in memory of those we have lost since last year**  
Bishop, the Rt. Revd. Rose Hudson-Wilkin

**Musical Item**.....‘My Life is in Your Hands’  
Jamaican High Commission Staff Choir

**Musical Item**.....‘He looked beyond my faults’  
By Dottie Rambo , performed by Mr. Tony Best

**The National Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
Led By Ms.Amma Appiah and Mr. Dujon Brown

**Let us pray**

For our island country of Jamaica, the mountains and valleys, the warm sunshine and the welcoming sea; the beautiful birds and flowers. For all who work in the farming industry providing food for the nation. May we recognise your hand in creation and our responsibility to be stewards of all that you have given to us.

**We give God thanks and praise.**

For the rich heritage of our diverse peoples who have lived harmoniously together; For our National Heroes who gave unselfishly so that we could live in freedom; For our pledge to serve one another, to be our brother's keeper. For the poets, artists and thinkers, and all who create in us the vision of a new and better people.

**We give God thanks and praise.**

For our parents, teachers, religious and business leaders, and all those who in every walk of life help to prepare us for responsible citizenship, and all those who give voluntary service in the public interest. For all that we have learnt from the generation before us; for the dreams they had and the sacrifices they made so that we could become a great nation.

**We give God thanks and praise.**

For the Commonwealth of Nations of which we are a part; For the Queen; For our Governor-General; For our Prime Minister; For the Leader of the Opposition; for all Members of Parliament and all persons serving in Local Government - that they may serve wisely and justly. We pray that as we mark 59 years of independence, that they may rededicate their lives in service.

**We give God thanks and praise.**

**Hymn.....The Right Hand of God**

The right hand of God is writing in our land,  
Writing with power and with love;  
Our conflicts and our fears,  
Our triumphs and our tears,  
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God  
is pointing in our land,  
Pointing the way we must go;  
So clouded is the way,  
So easily we stray,  
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God  
is striking in our land,  
Striking out at envy, hate and greed;  
Our selfishness and lust,  
Our pride and deeds unjust,  
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God  
is lifting in our land,  
Lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name,  
And lifted now from shame,  
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God  
is healing in our land,  
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;  
So wondrous is its touch,  
With love that means so much,  
When we're healed  
by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God  
is planting in our land,  
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;  
In these many-peopled lands,  
Let his children all join hands,  
And be one with the right hand of God

**Blessing for the Offering**.....Bishop Revd. Rose Hudson Wilkin

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**Musical Item**.....‘The Blessing’  
Jamaican High Commission Choir

**The National Anthem**.....Led by Mrs. Deborah Etareri

Eternal Father, bless our land  
Guard us with Thy mighty hand  
Keep us free from evil powers  
Be our light through countless hours  
To our leaders, Great Defender  
Grant true wisdom from above  
Justice, truth, be ours forever  
Jamaica, land we love  
Jamaica, Jamaica  
Jamaica, land we love.

Teach us true respect for all  
Stir response to duty’s call  
Strengthen us, the weak, to cherish  
Gives us vision, lest we perish  
Knowledge send us, Heavenly Father  
Grant true wisdom from above  
Justice, truth be ours forever  
Jamaica, land we love  
Jamaica, Jamaica  
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**Closing Prayer/ Blessing** .....Bishop, the Rt. Revd. Rose Hudson Wilkin

*Musical Interlude*

**Thank you**







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