



THE JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION  
LONDON

SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*in commemoration of*

JAMAICA'S 58<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

*Emancipation Day*

*“Resilient and Strong: Let’s celebrate Jamaica 58”*

SATURDAY | 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020 | 11:00AM



# *Officiating Clergy*

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

**Revd. Errol Vassell**  
General Secretary and Chair, Board of Trustees  
Assemblies of the First Born

**Revd. Andrew Moughtin-Mumby**  
Rector St Peter's Church  
Liverpool Grove London

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

**Pianist**  
Mr. Tony Best

**Soloist**  
Ms. Carla Jane  
Ms. Ayanna Witter-Johnson  
Mr. Robert Anderson

**Choir**  
Jamaican High Commission Staff Choir

**Choreographer**  
Mr. Carlton 'Jackie' Guy CD, MBE

**Dancers**  
Simone Foster, Teleica Kirkland, Cassandra Lee,  
Melvin LeBlanc, Tamara McKoy-Patterson, Ricardo Walker, Connor Williams

**Children's Choir**  
Eva Ako, Mya Ako, Kayla Edwin, Angelique Ferron, Malachi Ferron, Arlo Fisher,  
Evangeline Fisher, Inez Fisher, Ta'riah Jadusingh, Arielle Knight, Robyn Mitchell, Ashai Murray,  
Isis Murray, Hisham Murray, Arianna Pichierri, Talitha Pichierri, Tessa Pichierri,  
Javion Porter, Hannah Robinson, Zayne Thomas, Abigail Webster, Daniel Webster,  
Isaiah Williams, Kellan Williams, Nathanael Williams

# Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

**The Welcome**.....Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin

**Opening Prayer**.....Father Andrew Moughtin-Mumby

**Hymn**.....Enter into Jerusalem

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
With the healthy and the sick,  
With the worker and the weak;  
Let us go to God's house.

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
Come and run with the wind,  
With the God who reigns in peace;  
Let us go to God's house.

## *Chorus*

*We go celebrate, we go celebrate,  
We go celebrate, O Israel!  
Praise the name of the Lord on high,  
Praise his name in song!  
Praise the Lord, with a heav'nly song,  
With a heav'nly song, with a heav'nly song,  
Praise the Lord!*

Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk-a-down there,  
With the young and the old,  
With the little and the large;  
Mek we walk-a-down there.  
Enter into Jerusalem, mek we walk-a-down there,  
Swaying to the breeze,  
With the God who reigns in peace;  
Mek we walk-a-down there.

*Chorus*

*Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
With yu papa and yu mama,  
With yu uncle and yu aunt;  
Let us go to God's house.*

*Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,  
Run and catch the breeze,  
With the God who reigns in peace;  
Let us go to God's house.*

*Chorus*

**Special Independence Message from, Senator,  
the Honourable Kamina Johnson Smith,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade**

**Patriotic Song: 'I Saw my Land in the Morning'**  
sung by Mr. Robert Anderson

**Dance of Praise**.....Choreographed by Mr. Carlton "Jackie" Guy, CD, MBE  
*Performed at the 2018 Independence Church Service*

**First Reading**.....Psalm 137: 1-6  
Councillor Jonathan Glanz, Lord Mayor of Westminster

**Poem: "Emancipation" by Susan "Dr. Sue" Lycett Davis**  
Performed by Ms. Dona Croll

**Musical Item**.....'You Raise Me Up'  
by the Jamaican High Commission Staff Choir

**Second Reading** .....Matthew 25 : 31 – 40  
Ms. Rebekah Smikle, Miss Jamaica UK 2019

**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.

**Sermon**.....Bishop Rose Hudson Wilkin

We acknowledge with sadness, members of the Jamaican community who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether due to or unrelated. The names will be read by:

H.E. Seth George Ramocan CD, High Commissioner for Jamaica;  
Global Jamaica Diaspora Council (GJDC) Representatives: Dr. Kevin Brown (North), Mr. Nathaniel Peat (South), Mrs. Elizabeth Mullings-Smith (Development Issues); Mrs. Tanesha Westcarr, Chair, Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council (GJDYC); Ms. Thara Johnson-Reid GJDYC (North) and Mrs. Angella Rose-Howell, Deputy High Commissioner.

**Musical Item**.....Ms. Carla Jane, Soloist  
‘Amazing Grace’

**Reading**.....by High Commissioner Ramocan,  
Dr. Kevin Brown, Mr. Nathaniel Peat, Mrs. Tanesha Westcarr

**Musical Item**.....‘Now You’re Flying’  
Ms. Ayanna Witter Johnson  
(Written in memory of her Great Uncle who passed away from COVID-19)

**Readings**.....by Ms. Thara Johnson-Reid;  
Mrs. Elizabeth Mullings-Smith and  
Deputy High Commissioner Mrs. Angella Rose-Howell

**Musical Item**.....‘Going Home’  
Played by Mr. Tony Best

## **The National Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **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 58 years of independence, that they may rededicate their lives in service.

**We give God thanks and praise.**

**Hymn.....To God Be The Glory**

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 lifegate that we 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!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and 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.

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 gladness, when Jesus we see.

**The National Anthem**.....Led by Mr. Robert Anderson

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  
Jamaica, land we love.

**The Blessing**.....Rev. Errol Vassell

*Musical Interlude*

This year's offering will be gratefully received for the National Health Fund, Jamaica, towards the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for front line workers. Funds may be sent via wire transfer directly to the National Health Fund, NCB Account #: 294 022 864 or via cheque payable to the National Health Fund, c/o The Jamaican High Commission, 1-2 Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BZ. Please make reference to Jamaica UK Independence Church Service.

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