

PROGRAMME NOTES

**CLERGY**

**Dr. Elaine McCarthy**

Member

Committee for the Promotion of National Religious Services  
(CPNRS)

**Rev. Conrad Reid**

Host Pastor

Portmore Gospel Assembly

**Pastor Yvonne Dixon**

Pastor

Oneness Apostolic Assembly of Jesus Christ

**Pastor Coniel Morgan**

Representative

Jamaica Union of Seventh-day Adventists

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Call to Worship**                      **Dr. Elaine McCarthy**  
Member,  
Committee for the Promotion of  
National Religious Services

**Praise & Worship**                      **Worship Team**

**Opening Hymn**                              **Enter Into Jerusalem**  
Words and music by Father Richard Holung

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.

### REFRAIN

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.

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Guided by her motto "GOD FIRST" and her favourite scripture "*I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME*", Overseer Yvonne Dixon is an exceptional Apostolic Woman of God, who is among the finest examples of dedicated and outstanding service in kingdom building and the wider community.

### Mr. Offniel Lamont

Offniel is a physiotherapist by profession and a recording Gospel artiste, releasing his first song "Forever God" in 2020 through JCDC Gospel Song Competition in Jamaica. He is the former Music Minister at the Waltham Park New Testament Church of God and continues to serve there as a worship leader.

He has been singing for over 20 years and during that time has had the opportunity to sing with some of Jamaica's finest Gospel groups including Perpetual Sounds of Praise and The Grace Thrillers. He has never received any formal training and has dedicated his whole life to Christian ministry through music. Offniel is very passionate about local church music ministries and improving the overall production of the worship experience within his home congregation and other local churches.

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### Pastor Yvonne Dixon

She is the General Overseer of Oneness Apostolic Assembly of Jesus Christ with headquarters at 16-18 Federal Road, Sydenham, Spanish Town and Convener of the United Apostolic Fast & Prayer Fellowship, International.

Her service in the Christian ministry spans many fields. She served as Overseas Missionary in Barbados and St. Kitts. She is the first National President of the Women's Council of the Holiness Born Again Church, and Vice President of the Pastors' Wives Fellowship. She also serves as Seminar Leader both in Jamaica and Overseas. She is organized, noble, and knowledgeable, and displays exceptional energy and enthusiasm in doing the work of the Lord. As a Gifted Teacher, Counsellor and Preacher she is much sought after.

Overseer Yvonne Dixon has had a distinguished career in the Jamaican Civil service where she started at the Registrar General's Department, moved to the Ministry of Social Security, the Office of the Services Commission, The Institute of Jamaica and the University Hospital Of the West Indies where she gave outstanding service as the Senior Director of Human Resource Management and later rose to the level of Acting Chief Executive Officer. Her strong sense of motivation and initiative at achieving Administrative Reforms earned her many accolades and recognition for her outstanding service. Her continuing involvement through leadership in outreach projects enhances the impact of her congregants on the communities.

She is a Marriage Officer, Counsellor and Justice of the Peace.

She holds a BSC. Degree in Public Administration and MBA Electives in Human Resource Management from the University of the West Indies.

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.

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.

### Opening Prayer

### Welcome & Introductions

**Rev. Conrad Reid**

Host Pastor

Portmore Gospel Assembly

### Ministry in Song

**"Forever God"**

Mr. Offniel Lamont

JCDC Gospel Song Competition 2020

3rd place winner

### Remarks

**Honourable Olivia Grange, CD, MP**

Minister of Culture, Gender,  
Entertainment and Sport

### Ministry in Dance

**"I've Got a Testimony"**

David Grant

JCDC Dance Festival Gold medal winner  
2021

Best Praise Dance Class 4

**National Pledge**

**Ms. Khamara Wright**  
Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2019/20

Before God and all mankind  
I pledge the love and loyalty of my heart  
The wisdom and courage of my 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.

**Remarks**

**His Excellency the Most Honourable  
Sir Patrick L. Allen ON, GCMG, CD, KSt. J**  
Governor-General

**Old Testament Reading**  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**The Most Honourable  
Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP**  
Prime Minister

**New Testament Reading**  
1 Peter 3: 8-12

**Mr. Mark Golding, MP**  
Leader of the Opposition

**Ministry in Song**

**“Always”**  
Portmore Gospel Assembly

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Reverend Dr. Peter Garth, CD, JP**

Chairman  
Committee for the Promotion of National Religious Services  
Representative of the Jamaica Evangelical Alliance (JEA)

**Bishop Conrad Pitkin, CD, JP**

Vice-Chairman, CPNRS  
Representative of the Jamaica Association of Full  
Gospel Churches (JAFGC)

**Bishop Albert West**

Representative of the Jamaica Association of Full  
Gospel Churches (JAFGC)

**Bishop Christine Gooden-Benguche**

Representative of the Jamaica Council of Churches (JCC)

**Reverend Harris Cunningham**

Representative of the Jamaica Council of Churches (JCC)

**Bishop Devon Brown**

Representative of the Jamaica Pentecostal Union - Apostolic (JPUA)

**Elder Dr. Elaine McCarthy**

Representative of the Jamaica Pentecostal Union - Apostolic (JPUA)

**Bishop Rev. Dr. Alvin Bailey**

Representative of the Jamaica Evangelical Alliance (JEA)

**Pastor Adrian Cotterell**

Representative of the Jamaica Union of Seventh Day Adventists (SDA)

**Reverend Courtney Gordon**

Representative of the Church of God in Jamaica (COGJ)

SERVICE COORDINATED BY THE  
COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL  
RELIGIOUS SERVICES (CPNRS)

The Committee is a network of persons at the leadership level of umbrella groups of churches, responsible for the planning and promotion of National Church Services. These include:

- **Workers' Week Thanksgiving Service**
- **Independence Thanksgiving Service**
- **Heritage Week Thanksgiving Service**

The Committee supports the planning of any other national/state services as may be requested.

This Committee serves under the auspices of the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport..

**Objectives:**

The Committee ensures:

- An ecumenical approach to the planning, promotion and implementation of National Church Services
- A reflection of the ethos of the particular denomination in which the service is being held
- The bringing together of a wide cross section of the nation in worship
- That the national and spiritual implications of the particular emphasis or theme is communicated

**Sermon**

**Pastor Yvonne Dixon**  
Pastor  
Oneness Apostolic Assembly of Jesus Christ  
*representing*  
Jamaica Pentecostal Union (Apostolic)

**Congregational Response**

**You're My Brother, You're My Sister**

You're my brother, you're my sister  
So take me by the hand  
Together we will work  
Until He comes  
There's no foe that can defeat us  
When we're walking side by side  
As long as there is love, we will stand

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Pastor Coniel Morgan**  
Representative  
Jamaica Union of Seventh-day Adventists

**Announcements**

Rev. Conrad Reid

**Offertory**

**"How Great is Our God"**  
Dave Collington-Davis

**Presentation to Host Church**

**Honourable Alando Terrelonge, MP**  
Minister of State  
on behalf of  
**Honourable Olivia Grange, CD, MP**  
Minister of Culture, Gender,  
Entertainment and Sport

**Benediction**

Rev. Conrad Reid  
Host Pastor

**National Anthem**

Sung by all

**Recessional Hymn**

**The Right Hand of God**  
Patrick Prescod, Noel Dexter

1.

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.

2.

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.

3.

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.

4.

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.

5.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,  
Planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.  
In these Caribbean lands,  
Let people all join hands,  
And be one by the right hand of God.