

DIOCESE OF JAMAICA & THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



ORDER OF  
THE VIRTUAL SERVICE  
FOR THE

*Commencement*  
OF THE  
**150<sup>th</sup>**  
*Annual Synod*

OF  
THE CHURCH IN JAMAICA  
& THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
IN  
THE PROVINCE OF THE WEST INDIES  
AT  
THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
BISHOP'S LODGE  
8 CLIEVEDEN AVENUE, KINGSTON 6

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021  
AT 4:00 P.M.

THEME:  
*"God's Church for God's World"*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn 163 ..... “Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise”  
Words: Christopher Wordsworth Tune: Lux Eoi

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
· Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a Victim  
for the world’s salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory  
Now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen we are risen:  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
4. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
alleluia to the Spirit  
fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia! Alleluia!  
To the Triune Majesty.

**Sentence:** Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

### VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

- V Blessed be the Lord our God.  
**R By whose grace we are yet alive**
- V Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ  
**R By whose rising we are set free.**

V Blessed be the Spirit of God.  
R In whom is our hope and our joy.

**ALL:** Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our Risen and Ascended Lord. Amen.

**INVITATORY – Pascha Nostrum (1662)** Chant setting by P. Humphrey

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:**

**\*therefore | let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of | malice · and wickedness;**

**\*but with the unleavened bread of sin | sincerity and truth.**

**Christ being raised from the dead | dieth · no more;**

**\*death hath no more dominion over Him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto | sin once:**

**\*but in that he liveth, he | liveth unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in | deed · unto · sin,**

**\*but alive unto God through | Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Christ is risen | from the dead,**

**\*and become the | first-fruits · of | them that slept.**

**For since by | man came death,**

**\*by man came also the resurrection | of the dead.**

**For as in Adam | all die,**

**\*even so in Christ shall | all be made alive.**

**Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,**

**\*and | to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be,**

**\* world without | end. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

**Officiant:** Lord we pray to You for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence is kept)

The Officiant and people say together:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**The Bishop says:**

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen

**THE PSALM ..... Psalm 116: 10 –17** (*Chant setting by Percy Buck*)

How shall I repay the Lord; \* for all the good things he has done for me?.

I will lift up the cup of salvation,\* and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord;\* in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord\* is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant:\* I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving\* and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord\* in the presence of all his people.

In the court of the Lord’s house;\* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halleluiah!.

**The First Lesson ..... 1 Peter 1: 17 – 23**

**Dr. Heather Brown-Henry**  
*Lay Representative*

**The Benedictus** Chant setting by Thomas A. Walmisely

Blessed are you, Lord the God of Israel\*

You have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour\*

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets

You promised of old to save us from our enemies\*

from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears,\*

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:\*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear:\*

holy and righteous before you

all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:\*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God’s people knowledge of salvation:\*

by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God:\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine upon those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son:\*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now:\*  
and shall be forever. Amen.

**Second Lesson ..... St. Luke 24: 13 – 35**

**Dr. Heather Brown-Henry**  
*Lay Representative*

**THE MAGNIFICAT (1662) Setting by Thomas Morley**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Saviour,\*  
for you have looked with favour on your lowly servant,\*  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:\*  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your Name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you\*  
from generation to generation  
You have shown strength with your arm\*  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones\*and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things\*  
and the rich you have sent away empty.  
You have come to the help of your servant Israel,\*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears,\*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Spirit:\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now,\*  
and shall be forever. Amen**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**ALL:**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

### **THE PRAYERS (Intoned)**

**All:**

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. **And also with you.**

The Minister shall say: Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name;  
your kingdom come; your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever.  
**Amen.****

### **THE SUFFRAGES**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

- V. Let your way be known upon earth  
R. **Your saving health among all nations**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten:  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **THE COLLECTS**

### **TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with Him, may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen**

#### **For the Synod**

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with His grace and presence, the Bishops and other Clergy and Laity here assembled in your name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **For the Diocese**

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops and other Clergy and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, Your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son: and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **For the Nation**

Grant us, O God, a vision of our land, fair as she might be: a land of justice, where none shall prey on others; a land of plenty where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a land of brotherhood, where success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to worth alone; a land of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for their Nation. Hear, O Lord, the prayer of all our hearts as we pledge our time and strength and thought to hasten the day of her coming beauty and righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Evening Collect**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



**HYMN 308 For the healing of the nations**

Words: Fred Kaan Tune: Alleluia Dulce Carmen

1. For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word
2. Lead us forward into freedom ,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling.  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator-God, have written  
your great name on humankind:  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind:  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

**INTERCESSIONS**

**Rev. Fr. Craig Mears**

*God so loved the world that God sent the Son.  
Gracious God as your Church, we pray for your world.*

L. Gracious God in your love you sent your Son for the world, we pray that the church may ever be faithful to your call to serve you in service to the world. Strengthen Christians everywhere to reach out with your love, the Good News, to the peoples of the world.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us in your love for the world.**

We bring to you a broken world caught up in a pandemic, of nations gripped in the fear of a bleak future. We pray for the leaders of the nations, for our Governor General, Patrick, Andrew, Prime Minister, Mark, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, for our elected officials

of Government and Local Government, for the Judiciary, for all who influence national decisions. Grant them wisdom and humility in the discharge of their responsibilities for the good of all they serve.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us in your service.**

L. In the midst of the pandemic, we pray for the vulnerable, the unemployed, the poor, the economically deprived, those who have lost hope, for all who work to make our world a better place, health care workers, scientists, environmentalists, artists, care givers, for relief agencies, for those in the essential services, those who work to protect the nation, the members of the Security forces, Police, Soldiers, Security Guards, the Fire Brigade service, and Correctional Officers.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us in your service.**

L. Reconciling God, who in your Son Jesus Christ reconciled the world to yourself; give us your grace to be your agents of reconciliation, of your justice and shalom, in a world torn apart by hate, greed, selfishness, jealousy, anger, strife and violence. We pray for the victims of violence.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us to be agents of your peace.**

L. We pray for our institutions affected by the continuous threat of the pandemic, particularly for our institutions of learning, our teachers, and students. In these confusing times may our youth not lose focus and hope.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us in your service.**

L. We remember before you those who have died.....rest eternal grant to them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. Comfort those who weep and give them hope as they face the future.

**R. Gracious God strengthen us in your service.**

L. Gracious God, give us the grace to love what you love, your world with all its complexities; to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and to not to ask for any reward, except to know that we are doing your will, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**HYMN 242..... “This is my Father’s World”**

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock Tune:Terra Patris

1. This is my Father’s world,  
And to my listening ears  
all nature sings and round me rings,  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and tree, of skies and seas,  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is our Father's world,  
 Oh, let us not forget  
 that though the wrong is great and strong,  
 God is our Father yet.  
 He trusts us with his world,  
 to keep it clean and fair,  
 all earth and trees, all skies and seas,  
 all creatures everywhere.

**SERMON ..... THE MOST REV. DR. HOWARD K. A. GREGORY**

**HYMN 445....."Hope of the world, though Christ of great compassion"**  
 Words: Georgia Elma Harkness Tune: Strength and stay

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great  
 compassion,  
 speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
 Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,  
 who by our own false hopes and alms are spent.
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from the highest  
 heaven,  
 bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
 still let thy Spirit unto us be given  
 to heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.
3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways  
 showing to the wandering souls the path of light  
 walk thou beside us, lest the tempting byways  
 lure us away from thee to endless night.
4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save  
 us  
 from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt  
 we render back the love thy mercy gave us  
 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
5. Hope of the world, o Christ, o'er death victorious  
 who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,  
 we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;  
 thou art Lord! Thou dost for ever reign.

## **DIOCESAN RE-DEDICATION**

**Archbishop:** Jesus, though you were of one age,  
You spoke to the ages.  
Jesus, though you lived long ago,  
You spoke words that continue to move,  
Motivate, mature and transfigure us.

**Together:**

**As members of this Diocese and as your disciples, we solemnly commit ourselves to the faithful execution of the mission and ministry you have entrusted to us. Take us from where we are, to where you want us to be; Make us not merely guardians of a heritage, But living signs of your coming Kingdom; Fire us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel; And through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one.**

**As heralds of the gospel forever timely and timeless,  
May we who bear your name  
Continue to reach out with love and compassion  
Toward other members of the human family,  
No matter what age, gender, culture, colour or context,  
That the world may believe, that your name may be enthroned in our nation  
And your church may more effectively be your body.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples.  
Help us to respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost.  
You invite us to proclaim your gospel of grace,  
hope and salvation in our homes, communities and to all people.  
Teach us to be faithful evangelists in word and in action.  
We give thanks that you came to live incarnate in this world.  
We ask you to live in us, so through us your love may be seen in the world.**

**VISIONING SONG                      Words by Doris Jacques – Music by Stephanie Williams**

1. Arise, arise, O Christians  
Answer the rallying call,  
Join in the Church's Mission  
To spread Good News to all.  
Led by the Holy Spirit  
In personal witnessing,  
We'll see our fold extended,  
Our praise to God we'll sing.

2. We'll teach, baptize and nurture  
Those welcomed to God's home  
We'll lovingly engage them  
And make the Lord Christ known.  
Injustice we will frown on;  
Oppression we'll decry;  
We'll stand for truth and justice,  
Our lives exemplify.
  
3. Creation we will guard well;  
The earth we will renew.  
In thought and word and deed, Lord,  
We'll truly worship you.  
We'll spread the Gospel message;  
Give succour to the weak,  
And fight against all evil  
As we God's kingdom seek.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Eternal Father, bless our land,  
Guard us with Thy mighty Hand,  
Keep us free from evil pow'rs  
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,  
Give 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.

## SOLEMN BLESSING

**Bishop:** God the Father,  
By whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
Open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All:** **Amen,**

**Bishop:** God the Son,  
Who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
Give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Bishop:** God the Holy Spirit,  
Whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
Empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Bishop:** And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.

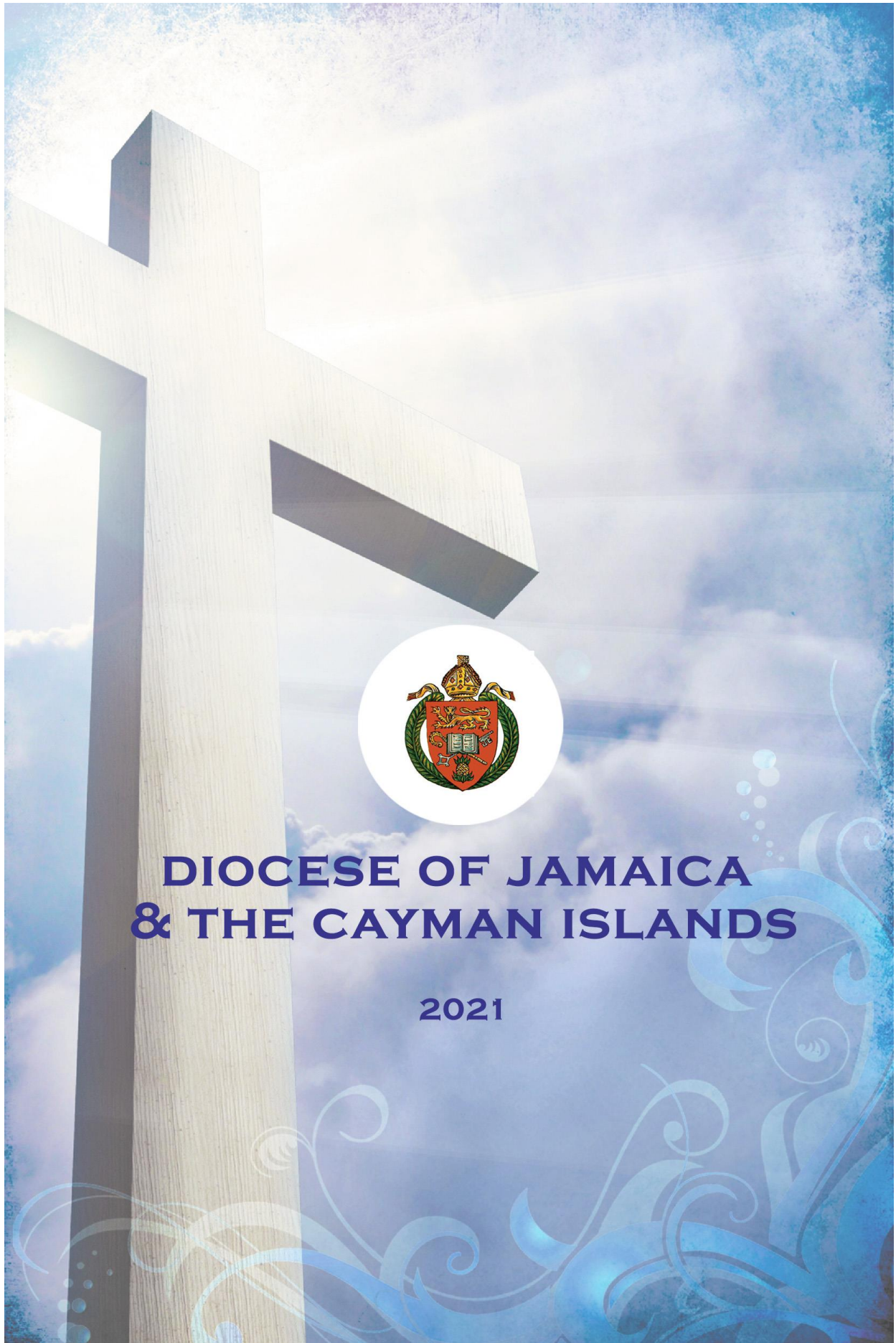
**CHORAL AMEN**    **Sevenfold Amen**    Music: John Stainer

**HYMN 220.....God of freedom, God of Justice**

Words: Shirley Erena Murray    Tune: Rhuddlan

1. God of freedom, God of justice,  
you whose love is strong as death,  
you who saw the dark of prison,  
you who knew the price of faith –  
touch our world of sad oppression  
with your Spirit's healing breath.
2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,  
you whose hands were nailed to wood;  
hear the cries of pain and protest,  
God who shed the tears and blood –  
move in us the power of pity.  
restless for the common good.
3. Make in us a captive conscience  
quick to hear, to act, to plead;  
make us truly sisters, brothers,  
of whatever race or creed –  
teach us to be fully human,  
open to each other's needs. **Amen.**





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