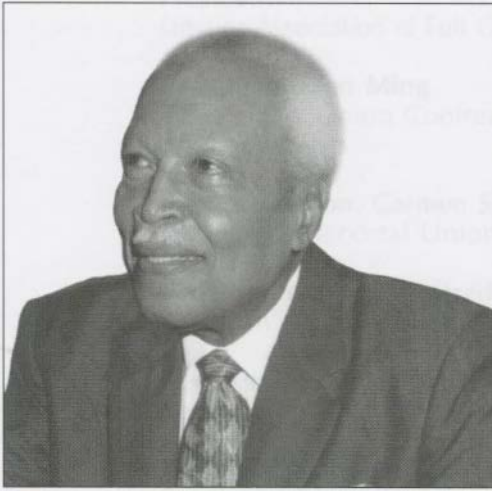




**The Most Honourable Hugh Lawson Shearer, ON, OJ**  
May 18, 1923 – July 5, 2004



# State Funeral



Service of Thanksgiving  
for the life of  
the Most Honourable  
Hugh Lawson Shearer, ON, OJ  
May 18, 1923 - July 5, 2004  
At the  
Holy Trinity Cathedral  
North Street, Kingston  
Sunday, July 18, 2004

at 2:00 p.m.  
**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA**

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Missionary Church Association

**Very Reverend Father Kenneth Richards**  
Rector  
Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity

**Rev. Major Dr. Serrano Kitson**  
Chaplain to the Jamaica Defence Force

**ORGANIST:** Mr. Dwight McBean, B.H.(M).

**CHOIR:** National Chorale of Jamaica  
**Conductor:** Mr. Winston Ewart

**CANTOR:** Mr. Kevin Williams

**INTERMENT AT THE NATIONAL HEROES PARK**

## Order of Service

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**OPENING SENTENCES:**

**HYMN:** **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
And silver moon with softer gleam!

*Chorus*

***Now praise him, now praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

O rushing wind that art so strong,  
And clouds that sail in heaven along,  
Now praise him, alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
And lights of evening, find a voice,

O flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! alleluia!  
O fire so masterful and bright,  
Giving to us all both warmth and light,

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,  
Now praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that bloom and grow  
Let them his glory also show,

People and nations take your part,  
Love and forgive with all your heart;  
Sing praise now, alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,

And now, most kind and gentle death,  
Waiting to hush our fading breath,  
Now praise him, alleluia!  
And leading home the child of God,  
Along he way our Lord has trod,

Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
Now praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION  
AND INVOCATION:**

His Grace the Most Reverend  
**Archbishop Lawrence Burke**

*Almighty God and Father  
it is our certain faith that your Son,  
who died on the cross,  
was raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep.  
Grant that through this mystery  
your servant Hugh Lawson,  
who has gone to his rest in Christ,  
may share in the joy of his resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**FIRST LESSON:**

Psalm 33: 1-12  
**Governor-General of Jamaica  
His Excellency The Most Honourable  
Sir Howard Cooke  
ON, GCMG, GCVO, CD**

**PSALM:**

**The Lord's My Shepherd  
(Happy Wanderer)**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green, He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by;

**Chorus:**  
**He lives, he lives,  
I know that my Redeemer lives,  
He lives, He lives  
He lives within my heart.**

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's vale  
Yet will I fear no ill  
For thou art with me; and  
Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

**TRIBUTE:**

**Prime Minister of Jamaica  
The Most Hon. P.J. Patterson  
ON, PC, QC, MP**

**SECOND LESSON:**

Proverbs 14: 15-24  
**Mr. Howard Shearer**

**ANTHEM:**

**The National Chorale of Jamaica**

**TRIBUTE:**

**Leader of the Opposition  
The Most. Hon. Edward P. G. Seaga  
ON, PC, MP**

**THIRD LESSON:**

I Corinthians 4: 1-18  
**Capt. Lance Shearer**

**SONG:** Mr. Kevin Williams

**REMEMBRANCE:** The Hon. Rex Nettleford, OM  
Vice Chancellor of the  
University of the West Indies

**HYMN:** And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angels minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ  
my own.

**TRIBUTE:** Senator Bruce Golding  
Chairman  
Jamaica Labour Party

**TRIBUTE:** Mr. Rudyard Spencer, OD, MP  
Bustamante Industrial Trade Union

**HYMN:** All Hail The Power Of Jesu's Name

All hail the power of Jesu's name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
A remnant weak and small,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.

You Gentile sinners, ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall;  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall,  
Join in the everlasting song,  
And crown him Lord of all.

**TRIBUTE:** Mr. Lloyd Goodleigh, CD  
Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions

**SONG:** Mr. Jimmy Tucker, OD

**TRIBUTE:** **Mr. William Clarke, CD**  
Family and Friends

**OFFERTORY HYMNS:** **Amazing Grace**  
*(During the singing of the following hymns a collection will be received for the Hugh Lawson Shearer Foundation)*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

My rebel soul, that once withstood  
The Saviour's kindest call,  
Rejoices now, by grace subdued,  
To serve Him with its all.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

What thanks I owe you, and what love  
A boundless, endless store;  
Shall echo through the realms above  
When time shall be no more.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures.

## **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 in 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  
rescued 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 Caribbean lands, let His people  
all join hands,  
And be one with the right hand of God.

**BLESSING OF THE  
OFFERING:**

**Bishop Delford Davis**

**SERMON:**

**Reverend Dr. Horace Russell**

**INTERCESSION**

**Reverend Herman Ming  
Bishop the Honourable  
Carmen Stewart, OD, JP**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you:

**People:** And also with you:

**Leader:** Let us pray.  
God our Father, grant us the help of Your  
spirit in our prayers for the salvation of  
all people.

We pray for the Church throughout the  
world, for our Church, and all our  
members,  
That in faith and unity we may be  
constantly renewed by Your Holy Spirit  
for our Mission and Service:  
Lord in Your mercy:

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for the people of the world, for  
leaders of the nations, that they may  
seek justice, freedom and peace for all:  
Lord, in Your mercy:

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for those among whom we live  
and work, for our neighbours and  
friends, that we may use your gifts in  
stewardship, that together we may find  
joy in your creation:  
Lord, in Your mercy:

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** We pray for those who are in sorrow.  
Look with love and pity on them, that in  
their weakness and distress they may  
come to know the strength and

consolation of Your love:  
Lord, in Your mercy:

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** In You, Father, we are one Family on  
earth and in heaven. We remember in  
Your presence those who have died,  
giving thanks for those who shared  
Your Grace and Peace among us.

Especially now we thank You for the  
life and service of our departed  
brother Hugh. We thank You for  
memories which we can cherish, a  
source of comfort and continuing  
thankfulness.

**All:** **Help us to follow the example of  
Your saints in light and bring us to  
the fullness of Your eternal joy,  
keeping us under Your protection  
and in Your peace till our traveling  
days are done.**

We ask our prayers in the Name and  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, Who is  
alive , and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and  
ever. Amen

**Prayer of the  
Faithful:**

**Senator Dwight Nelson, OD**  
Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters,  
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead  
And sits at the right hand of the  
Father,  
Where he intercedes for his Church.  
Confident that God hears the voices of  
Those who trust in the Lord Jesus,  
We join our prayers to his.



**Leader and People :** Lord God,  
Giver of peace and healer of souls,  
Hear the prayers of the Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ  
And the voices of your people,  
Whose lives were purchased by the  
blood of the Lamb.  
Forgive the sins of all who sleep in  
Christ  
And grant them a place in the  
kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** **National Chorale of Jamaica**  
(SUNG)

**COMMENDATION:** **Reverend Philip Robinson**  
(All Standing)

**Leader:** Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Your wisdom and grace  
You have given us joy through the lives  
of Your departed servants. We thank  
You for Hugh Lawson Shearer and for  
our memories of him. We praise You  
for the goodness and mercy that  
followed him all the days of his life,  
and for his faithfulness in the tasks to  
which You called him.

**People:** Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant  
with Your saints, where sorrow and  
pain are no more, neither sighing, but  
life everlasting.

**Leader:** Let us commend our brother Hugh  
Lawson to the mercy of God our Maker  
and Redeemer.  
Deliver Your servant, O Sovereign Lord  
Christ, from all evil, and set him free  
from every bond; that he may rest with  
all Your saints in the eternal

habitations, where with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one  
God, for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** Into Your hands, O merciful Saviour, we  
commend Your servant Hugh Lawson.  
Acknowledge we humbly beseech You,  
a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of  
Your own flock, a sinner of Your own  
redeeming. Receive Him into the arms  
of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of  
everlasting peace, and into the glorious  
company of the saints in light.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION:** **Right Reverend Dr. Alfred Reid**

Now the God of peace who brought  
again from the dead our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the great shepherd of the  
sheep, by the blood of the eternal  
covenant, make you perfect in every  
good thing to do His will, working in  
you that which is pleasing in His  
sight, through Jesus Christ to whom  
be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** **When We Walk With The Lord**

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

**Refrain:**  
**Trust and obey,**  
**For there's no other way**  
**To be happy in Jesus,**  
**But to trust and obey.**

Not a shadow can rise,  
Not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear,  
Not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil he doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favour He shows,  
And the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

## The National Anthem

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,  
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

*(Members of the congregation are requested to remain standing until the Clergy, Family, The Governor-General, the Prime Minister, Visiting Heads of State/Government, Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice, President of the Court of Appeal, and visiting Dignitaries have left the Church. The remaining members of the congregation will be instructed when to leave the Church to join the procession.)*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

# At the Graveside

THE COMMITTAL:

**Rev. Dr. Roy Henry**

We know that neither death nor life...  
Nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor height nor depth, nor any creature  
can separate us from the love of  
God which is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We know that if this earthly house  
of our tabernacle be dissolved,  
we have a building from God,  
a house not made with hands,  
eternal, in the heavens.

Since our brother has departed out of this  
life and Almighty God in His mercy has  
taken him of Himself we therefore  
commit his body to the ground:  
Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, earth to earth,  
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to  
eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER:

**Rev. Stanley Clarke**

HYMN:

**Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

HYMN:

**Will Your Anchor Hold**

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

**Chorus**

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.*

If 'tis safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,  
For 'tis well secured by the Savior's hand;  
And the cables, passed from His heart to mine,  
Can defy that blast, thro' strength divine.

**Refrain**

It will surely hold in the Straits of Fear—  
When the breakers have told that the reef is near;  
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

**Refrain**

It will firmly hold in the Floods of Dearth—  
When the waters cold chill our latest breath,  
On the rising tide it can never fail,  
While our hopes abide within the Veil.

## **Refrain**

When our eyes behold in the dawning light  
Shining gates of pearl or harbour bright,  
We shall anchor fast to the heav'nly shore,  
With the storms all past forevermore.

## **Refrain**

### **LAYING OF WREATHS:**

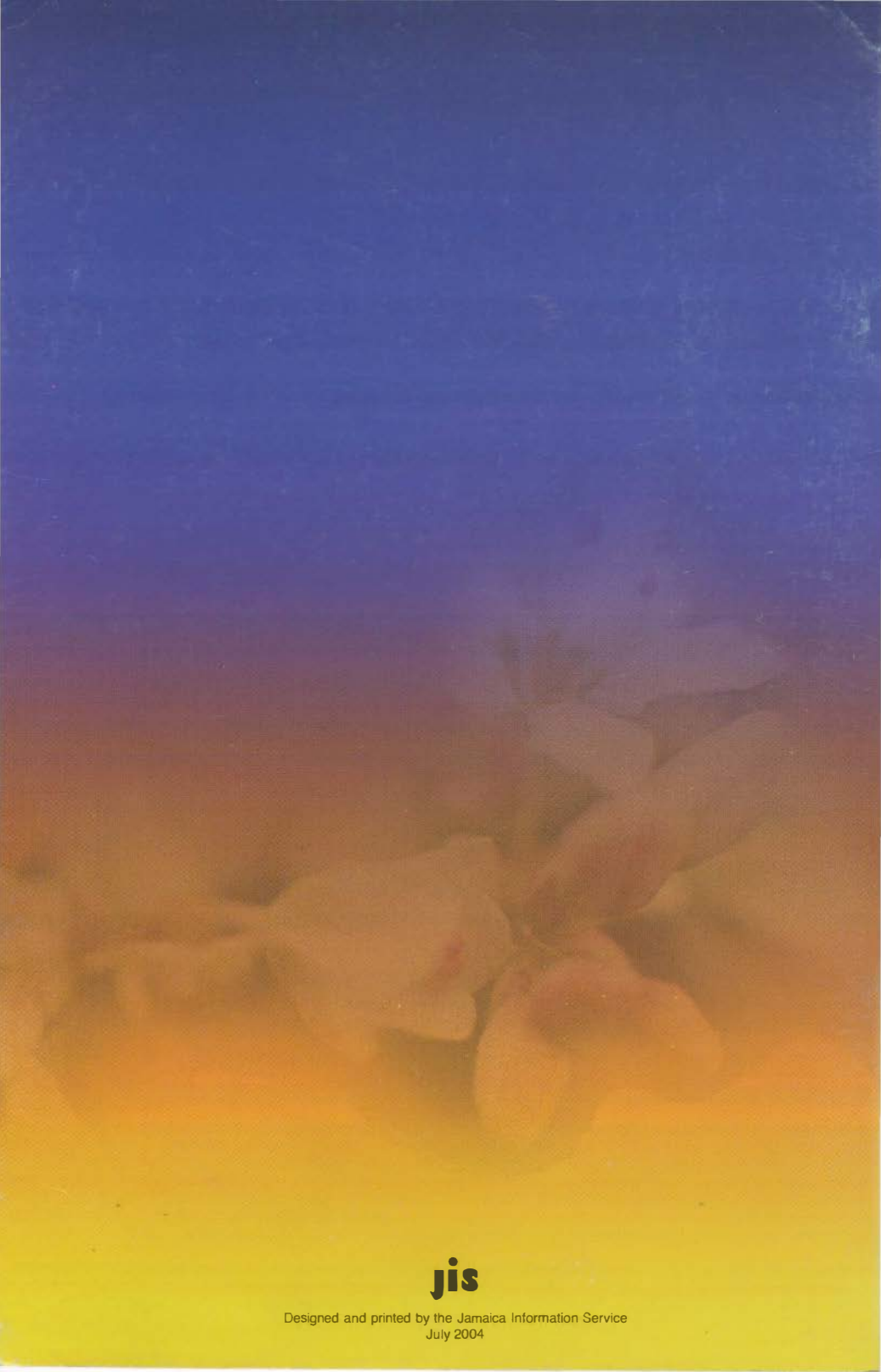
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His Excellency the Governor General  
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Leader of the Opposition  
President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
Chief Justice on behalf of the Judiciary  
His Worship the Mayor of Kingston  
Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs  
& Foreign Trade  
Honourable Minister of Labour  
and Social Security  
On behalf of the:

- Jamaica Labour Party
- Bustamante Industrial Trade Union
- Constituency of South East Clarendon
- National Council for Senior Citizens
- Peoples National Party
- Hugh Lawson Shearer Foundation
- Heart Foundation of Jamaica
- Diabetic Association of Jamaica

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **AND BENEDICTION:**

Reverend Philip Robinson



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