

B/N Simpson-Miller
Portia



Programme

*for the
Swearing-in*

of

The Honourable

Portia Lucretia Simpson Miller, MP

as

Prime Minister of Jamaica

at

King's House

on

Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Order of Ceremony

4:30 p.m. Musical Prelude by the Jamaica Military Band

4:56 p.m. Prime Minister Designate, the Honourable Portia Lucretia Simpson Miller, MP and Mr. Errald Miller descend the stairs and proceed to the platform, accompanied by a Protocol Officer

All Rise

4:57 p.m. Prime Minister, The Most Honourable Percival Noel James Patterson, ON, PC, QC, MP and his Aide-de-Camp descend the stairs and proceed to the platform, accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, Mrs. Sandra Grant Griffiths.

All Rise

4:59 p.m. His Excellency the Most Honourable Professor Kenneth Octavious Hall, ON, OJ and Her Excellency the Most Honourable Mrs. Hall, accompanied by the Chief of Staff, Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin, CD, ADC, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lucius Thomas and the Aide-de-Camp descend the stairs and proceed to their respective seats on the platform.

(The first fanfare of trumpets commences as the party starts to descend the stairs)

(The Jamaica Military Band plays the National Anthem)

5:00 p.m.

Welcome by His Excellency the Governor-General

His Excellency The Governor-General invites the President of the Jamaica Council of Churches, the Reverend Philip Robinson, to say prayers.

His Excellency The Governor-General reads the Instrument appointing The Honourable Portia Lucretia Simpson Miller, MP as Prime Minister.

The Honourable Portia Lucretia Simpson Miller, MP takes and subscribes the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office

His Excellency the Governor-General presents The Instrument of Appointment to the Prime Minister.

(Then follows the lowering of the outgoing Prime Minister's Standard and the breaking of the incoming Prime Minister's Standard, accompanied by a fanfare of trumpets)

Address by His Excellency The Governor-General

Address by The Most Honourable Percival Noel James Patterson, ON, PC, QC, MP

Musical Programme by the combined choir of the University Singers and the Kencot Youth Choir with soloist Shirley Willis and saxophonist Dean Fraser.

Inaugural Address by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Honourable Portia Lucretia Simpson Miller, MP

Musical Programme by the combined choir

Poetry Reading Makeda Solomon

Pastor Stephen Harris pronounces the benediction

National Anthem led by Pauline Forrest Watson and Cecil Cooper

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.
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