



*To Celebrate the Life of*

# Derrick Rodriques Henry

Sunrise 14th August 1940 - Sunset 17th February 2021



Wilford Hill Crematorium  
Tuesday 13th April 2021  
at 11.00 am



# Order of Service

## **Entrance Music**

Many Rivers to Cross  
by Jimmy Cliff

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

God Almighty Set A Rainbow  
by Caroline Somerville

God almighty set a rainbow,  
Arching in the sky above  
And his people understand it  
As a signal of his love.

Clouds will gather, storms come streaming.  
On the darkened earth below,  
Too much sunshine makes a desert,  
Without rain no seed can grow.

Through the storm-cloud shines your rainbow,  
through the dark earth springs the wheat.  
In the future waits your harvest,  
And the food for all to eat.

God almighty you have promised,  
After rain the sun will show,  
Bless the seeds and bless the harvest,  
Give us grace to help us grow.

Thank you Father, thank you father,  
Thank you Father for your care,  
For your warm and loving kindness  
To your people everywhere.

## Eulogy

Derrick Rodriques Henry was the sixth child of nine children from the marriage of George and Sarah Henry. He sadly leaves two brothers, Leibert and Alvin and two sisters, Fay and Lillieth. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews here in the UK, the US and Jamaica. As a child, Derrick attended Calabar Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica and was extremely popular amongst his peers - in particular the females - and adopted the name Dora from his brother, Chick! Upon graduation, he attended Caterers Cooking School, where he honed his expert culinary skills, as he was a very passionate cook. His siblings recall the tasty dishes he would prepare for them with great pride. He was greatly involved at his then-home church, the North Street Congregational Church – teaching at Sunday School and ensuring his younger siblings were in attendance and on time each and every week. Derrick loved to sing and regaled his family with the velocity of his voice often.

He migrated to England in 1959 at the age of 19 to join his mother and brother, Leibert. He worked at Raleigh and Cussons Soap Factory for many years. He loved to help others and was a valued member of his community - a great help in his neighbourhood. He went above and beyond for his neighbours and helped them with all their problems; he was a great friend to them and they all appreciated him greatly and speak highly of him. Many members of the Nottingham community will have fond memories of his window cleaning. His dedication to his work and the people on his rounds paved the way for him to be loved by his customers. He became a friend to many of them. Through his work, Derrick would give others opportunities; he trained many up to become a good window cleaner and became a great mentor to them.

Derrick was a loved and active member of the St Andrew's Church, which he attended for over 50 years. His love for singing led him to become a member of their choir and he spent a lot of his time volunteering at the church's child contact centre on a regular basis. He supported many local businesses with his efforts in their jumble sales, which helped raise funds for vital charities throughout Nottingham.

Derrick had a high sense of fashion and style and in his younger days, he put in maximum effort to be noticed as a dapper. He had an eye for beautiful things and loved collecting an array of unique ornaments and antiques.

Derrick took pride in his role as an uncle and was very caring. He was known for taking an afro comb out and tidying up hairstyles if given the chance. He also loved to share good advice often. Uncle Derrick is definitely irreplaceable with his eccentric and occasionally boorish ways. The Henry family have lots of special memories of him, but the most valuable one is that famous £5 gift you received when you visited him – equipped with full instructions of how to spend it and not squander it. If you upgraded from that £5, you definitely made it in life!

Derrick called England his new home, having lived here for most of his life, but his love for Jamaica never wavered. His conversations with his family and friends were always about Jamaica and although being away for over sixty years, his memory of the island never faded. He was a fun, loving character with a unique and infectious laugh. His ability to stick up for people when others didn't will never be forgotten. His loving, kind and compassionate traits will continue throughout generations of the Henry family and we will remain forever grateful. We will all ensure he lives on in our thoughts, hearts, prayers and family discussions.

## **Opening Prayer**

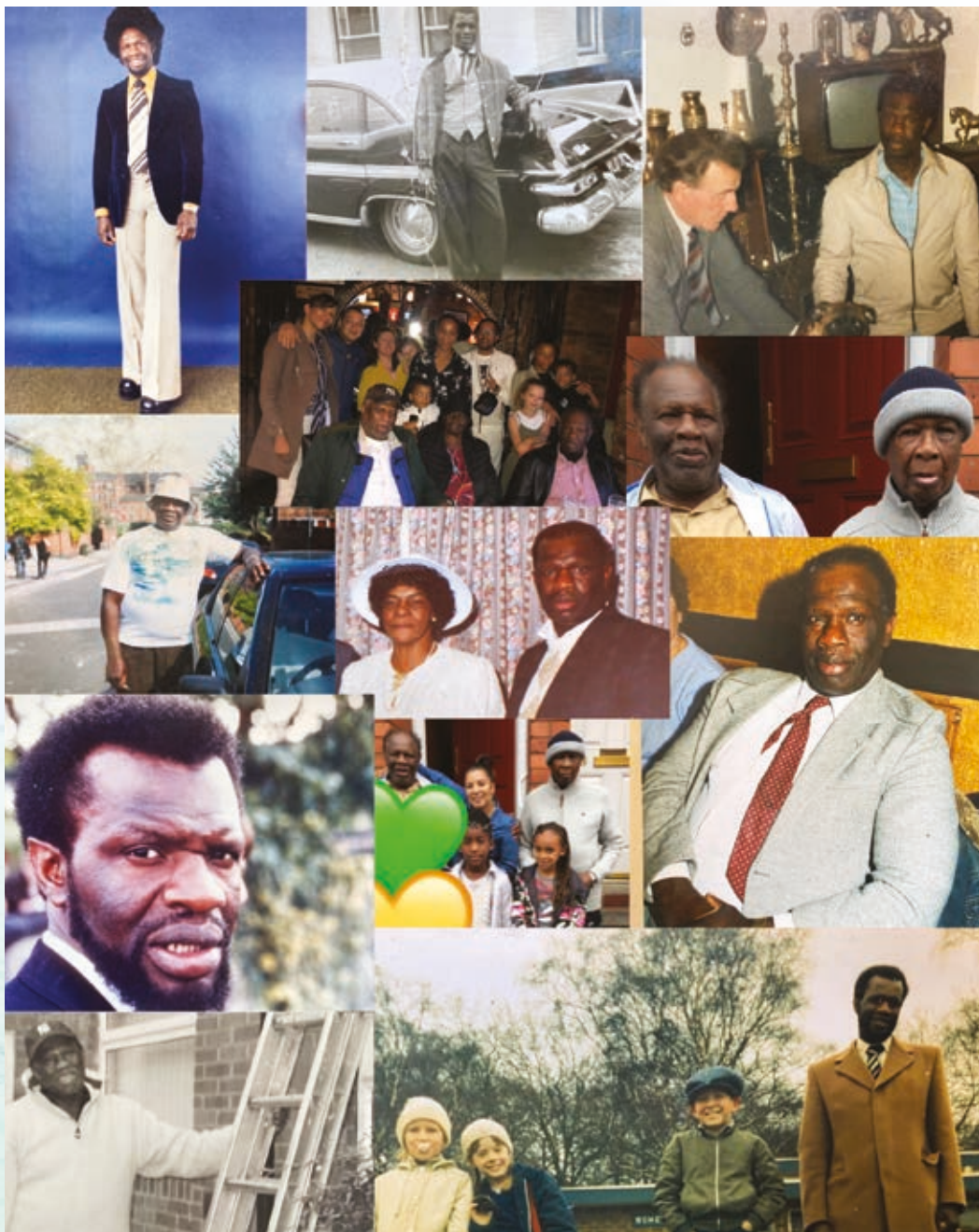
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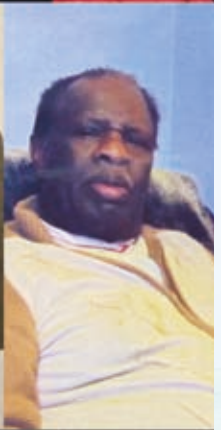
## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.











## Hymn

The splendour of a King,  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
Trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

Age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the end,  
Beginning and the end.  
The Godhead Three in One,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

Name above all names,  
Worthy of our praise;  
My heart will sing:  
How great is our God.  
You're the name above all names,  
You are worthy of our praise;  
And my heart will sing:  
How great is our God.

*How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

*Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)*



## Readings

### **Psalm 46**

read by niece, Faithe Henry

### **A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-8**

read by niece, Dawn Henry

### **Psalm 121**

read by niece, Faithe Henry

### **Eulogy**

written by sister, Lilieth Chambers and

read by niece, Diane Henry



## Hymn

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.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark 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 doest 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.

*William Whittingham (1524-79)*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

## Hymn

### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I was once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

As grace first taught my heart to fear  
so grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and he will led me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures;

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*



**The Committal**

**Benediction**

**Exit Music**

What's Going On  
by Marvin Gaye



The Henry family wish to thank you for all your kind expressions of sympathy. Your attendance here today is greatly appreciated and is a source of real comfort.

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