

## OPENING HYMN

**LET ALL THE ISLANDS RISE  
AND SING**

1. Let all the Islands rise and sing,  
And to our God their praises bring;  
On strings and drums his might proclaim,  
To shout the glory of his name,
2. We praise him for the ocean vast,  
With Throbbing reef and coral shore.  
For fish and shell and mighty whale.  
For all his gifts and thanks we pour.
3. And when we see the stars at night.  
The many worlds which cross the sky.  
The sun and moon which gives us light,  
We lift our hearts to God on high.
4. The children playing on the shore,  
The sounds of laughter which we hear,  
Their love increasing more and more,  
Remind us that our God is near.
5. The palms which bend towards the sky,  
The clouds which hurry to and fro.  
The birds which fly both low and high,  
Give joy to men on earth below.
6. To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, praise be done,  
May Christ the Lord upon us pour  
The Spirit gift's forevermore.

## CLOSING HYMN

**GUIDE ME, O MY  
GREAT REDEEMER**

1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer  
Pilgrim through this barren land,  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand;  
bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open the rock along the way.  
Whence the living waters flow  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through  
Strong deliverer,  
be you still my strength and shield
3. When I reach the river Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side  
songs and praises,  
I will ever give to you.



SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

## **48<sup>th</sup> SOLOMON ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE PROGRAM**

***“Our Nation, Our Responsibility and  
Accountability - Building a GREAT Solomon Islands”***



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**St. Barnabas Provincial Cathedral Church**

**MC: Mr. George Herming & Mrs. Moddie Nanau**





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|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 2:15 pm | Arrival of the Public at the Church                                                               |                                               |
| 2:30 pm | Arrival of Guests and Members of Parliament                                                       |                                               |
| 2:40 pm | Arrival of Honiara Lord Mayor Councillor Edward Siapu and Madam Siapu                             |                                               |
| 2:45 pm | Arrival of His Lordship the Honourable Chief Justice Sir Albert Rocky Palmer, CBE and Lady Palmer |                                               |
| 2:50 pm | Arrival of the Honourable Speaker of National Parliament Patteson John Oti and Madam Oti          |                                               |
| 2:55 pm | Arrival of the Prime Minister Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale and Madam Wale                             |                                               |
| 3:00 pm | Arrival of The Governor - General His Excellency Sir David Tiva Kapu, GCMG & Lady Kapu            |                                               |
| 3:05 pm | Welcome - MC (Mr. George Herming/Mrs. Moddie Nanau)                                               |                                               |
| 3:10 pm | Opening Hymn - Let all the Islands rise and sing<br>St. Barnabas Cathedral Church Choir           | (5mins)                                       |
| 3:15 pm | Opening Prayer                                                                                    | - Rev. Peter Kevin                            |
| 3:20 pm | Sermon                                                                                            | - Rev. Bishop Eric Maefonea (25mins)          |
| 4:05 pm | Item Song                                                                                         | - Assemblies of God Women's Ministry (5 mins) |
| 4:10 pm | Intercessory Prayer for the Nation                                                                | - Rev. John Subu Taunani                      |
| 4:15 pm | SI National Anthem                                                                                | - to be led by RSIPF Police band              |
| 4:20 pm | Item Song                                                                                         | - Adaliue Women's Ministry (5 mins)           |
| 4:25 pm | Prime Minister's Reflection                                                                       | - Prime Minister (15mins)                     |
| 4:50 pm | Item Song                                                                                         | - Advent Echoes (5mins)                       |
| 4:55 pm | Closing Prayer                                                                                    | - Rev. Reginald Totohuniu                     |



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| 5:00 pm | Closing Hymn                                                                                                                   | - Guide me, O my great Redeemer<br>St. Barnabas Cathedral Church Choir |
| 5:05 pm | Announcement                                                                                                                   | - MC                                                                   |
| 5:10 pm | The Governor - General His Excellency Sir David Tiva Kapu , GCMG, & Lady Kapu leave to VIP area for light refreshment          |                                                                        |
| 5:15 pm | Prime Minister Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale and Madam Wale leave to VIP area for light refreshment.                                |                                                                        |
| 5:20 pm | The Honourable Speaker of National Parliament Patteson John Oti and Madam Oti Leave to VIP area for light refreshment          |                                                                        |
| 5:25 pm | His Lordship the Honourable Chief Justice Sir Albert Rocky Palmer, CBE and Lady Palmer leave to VIP area for light refreshment |                                                                        |
| 5:30 pm | Honiara Lord Mayor Councillor Edward Siapu and Madam Siapu leave to VIP area for light refreshment                             |                                                                        |
| 5:35 pm | Invited Guests and MPs leave to VIP area for light refreshment                                                                 |                                                                        |
|         | <b>Public to have drinks at allocated locations.</b>                                                                           |                                                                        |
| 6:10 pm | The Governor -General His Excellency Sir David Tiva Kapu, GCMG and Lady Kapu retire from VIP refreshment area                  |                                                                        |
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| 6:30 pm | Honiara Lord Mayor Councillor Eddie Siapu and Madam Siapu retire from VIP refreshment area                                     |                                                                        |
| 6:35 pm | All invited Guests and MPs retire from VIP refreshment area                                                                    |                                                                        |

**End of Program**