

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**SOLEMN EVENSONG**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL,  
CAPE TOWN**

**20 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 16:00**

**OFFICIANT:  
THE MOST REVD DR THABO MAKGOBA,  
ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN**

**PREACHER:  
THE MOST REVD AND RT HON. JUSTIN WELBY,  
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

**THEME:  
GRATITUDE, COURAGE AND HOPE**

**PROCESSION** *accompanied by an organ voluntary by Grant Brasler*

**WELCOME** - The Very Rev Michael Weeder, *Dean of Cape Town*

**GREETING** - Bishop Ziphozihle Siwa, *President of the South African Council of Churches*

**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA**

*The people stand. The Archbishop leads*

Archbishop: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Archbishop: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

Archbishop: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

*The people sit and the Choir chants the Psalm*

**PSALM 108.** Paratum cor meum.

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; \* I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute and harp; \* I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the peoples; \* I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, \* and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens, \* and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: \* let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; \* I will rejoice therefore, and divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; \* Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; \* upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? \* and who will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God? \* and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 O help us against the enemy: \* for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts; \* and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

*The people stand for the singing of the Gloria Patri*

**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.**

*The people sit*

**DEUTERONOMY 7:7-9** Gloria Serobe, *Chair of the Solidarity Fund (from St. George's, Parktown)*

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you - for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Here ends the first lesson.

*The people stand*

**THE OFFICE HYMN**

1. Yesu, langa lomphefumlo,  
Akumnyama xa ukoyo:  
Makungabiko nany'into  
Enokundahlula nawe.

4. U'ba kuk'umntwana wako  
Ote wadel'izwi lako,  
Z'umguqule umxolele,  
Az'onwabe xa elele.

2. Ndakuhlelwa bubuthongo,  
Selecima nalamehlo;  
Mandibe ndicinga ngawe  
Nangopumlo olunawe.

5. Balunguze abafayo;  
Batyebis'abaswele;  
Nabo bonk'abalusizi  
Bakangel'ubonwabise.

3. Hlala nam imini yonke,  
Ungeko andingepile;  
Hlala nam kwakuza kuhlwa,  
Ize ndingoyik'ukufa

6. Yiza kuti sakuvuka,  
Usigcine yonk' imihla  
Side simke emhlabeni  
Sibe nawe e-Zulwini.

*The people remain standing as the Choir leads the singing of the Magnificat*

**MAGNIFICAT. ST. LUKE 1: 46**

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, \* and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded \* the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth \* all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; \* and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \* throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \* he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \* and hath exalted the humble and  
meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; \* and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; \* as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
**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.**

*The people sit for the Second Lesson*

**LUKE 15:1-7** Dr. Brigalia Bam (*from St. George's, Parktown*)

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

Here ends the second lesson.

*The people stand*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS. ST. LUKE 2:29.**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \* according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen \* thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared \* before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \* and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
**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.**

*The people remain standing.*

*The Archbishop leads.*

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*The Archbishop leads. The people kneel or sit.*

Archbishop: The Lord be with you  
Answer: And with thy spirit

Archbishop: Let us Pray

Archbishop: Lord have mercy upon us  
Answer: Christ have mercy upon us  
Archbishop: Lord have mercy upon us

*The Choir leads*

## **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Archbishop continues.*

Archbishop: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer: And grant us thy salvation.

Archbishop: O Lord, be gracious unto our land

Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Archbishop: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Archbishop: O Lord, save thy people.

Answer: And bless thine inheritance.

Archbishop: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer: For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Archbishop: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Archbishop continues.*

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A COLLECT FOR PEACE**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## **A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM** - "Uyinkosi Yamakosi" (You are the King of Kings)

*Sung by St Cyprian's, Langa*

**SERMON** - The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, *Archbishop of Canterbury*

**COLLECTION HYMN:**

Who will save our land and people?  
Who can rescue us from wrong?  
We are lost - faint, false, and  
foolish -  
We have slighted God too long.  
Save the people, Lord, our Saviour,  
Guide us home from country far;  
Holy Fire, consume our rancours:  
Your Kingdom come - in Africa.

We believe God is our Saviour;  
Christ enough to heal our land.  
Use, O Lord, the Church, your  
servants:  
We on earth your stretched-out  
hand.  
May the Church in loving service,  
Show to all whose path is rough,  
Give a clear, united witness,  
And proclaim: "Christ is enough!"

Make our land as clean and  
wholesome  
As the white of sea-washed sands;  
Stretch our vision vast and  
boundless  
As our brown-spread, dusty lands.  
Make our people strong and  
steadfast  
As the hills that claw our sky;  
Hear our prayer for land and  
people:  
"God bless Africa", we cry.

Christ enough to break all barriers;  
Christ enough in peace, in strife;  
Christ enough to build our nation;  
Christ enough for death, for life.  
Christ enough for old and lonely;  
Christ enough for those who fall;  
Christ enough to save the sin-sick;  
Christ enough for one - for all!

*The Archbishop continues*

Archbishop: Let us proceed in peace  
Answer: In the name of the Lord. Amen

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An interest 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?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for  
me?

2. 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal  
dies!  
Who can explore his strange  
design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,

3. He left his Father's throne above  
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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.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!

4. 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,

Let angel minds enquire no more. I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5 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.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*The people sit or Kneel*

## **PETITIONS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS - Rev Notemba Ntuli**

### **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM - Rev Notemba Ntuli**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING**

*The Archbishop continues*

Archbishop says: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Archbishop says: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Archbishop says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Archbishop says: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.