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Indalo – Yabethelwa Ngobugovu **Creation – Crucified by Greed**



Preacher: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

Umsfumayeli: ngu-Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

Inkonzo yePhasika · Good Friday Service
Durban Exhibition Centre
Friday · 2 April 2010 · 5.15–8.15am

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SERVICE AT THE DURBAN EXHIBITION CENTRE /
INKONZO NGAPHAKATHI E DURBAN CONVENTION CENTRE

MEDITATION / UKUZINDLA

The congregation is invited to join in praise and meditative singing on arrival from 5:15am. During this time a PowerPoint Presentation on the environment will be shown. / *Amalungu amabandla ayacelwa ajoyine ngo 5.15 ekuseni ngenkathi efika. Kulesisikhathi kuzoboniswa izithombe eziqondene nendalo odongeni.*

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.



Confitemini Domino,
quoniam bonus.
Confitemini Domino,
alleluia!

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good.
Give thanks to the Lord,
Alleluia!*



Woza Moya oyiNgcwele,
Woza mawungene kithi
Thina sesikunxanele
Sizizwele wena nathi

*Refrain: Moya oyiNgcwele
Mawungene kithi
Thina sesikunxanele
Sizizwele wena nathi*

UnguMoya wokuphila
Okuvela kungadalwa
Kodwa thina siyalila
Sinokufa ngokuzalwa

*Refrain: UnguMoya wokuthanda
Kade wenza ububele
Ngob'izono zethu zanda
Naluthando lonakele*

Wena Moya othulisa
Inhliziyo idangala
Thina bantu siyafisa
Okomhlaba sikhathala

Refrain:

Moya oyiNgcwele yiza
Ukusigcwalisa sonke
Siyacela siyabiza
Lezozipho zakho zonke

Refrain:



The Kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your Kingdom.

— Musical interlude —

Ukuthula
Kulomhlaba wezono
Igazi lika Jesu
Linyenyez' ukuthula

Peace
in this sinful world
the blood of Christ
whispers peace

Ukuthemba
Kulomhlaba wezono
Igazi lika Jesu
Linyenyez' ukuthemba

Hope
in this sinful world
the blood of Jesus
whispers hope

Ukunqoba
Kulomhlaba wezono
Igazi lika Jesu
Linyenyez' ukunqoba

Victory
in this sinful world
the blood of Jesus
whispers victory

Laudate omnes gentes
laudate Dominum



*Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord.*

Siyakudumisa (x3)
Nkosi yamakhosi (Repeat)



Akekh' ofana nawe (x3)
Nkosi yamakhosi (Repeat)



Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*Where there is mercy and love
God is to be found.*

Masimbonge masimbonge
onomsa kangaka.
Simuthande, simukhonze
imihla ngemihla.
Halleluia mukhulu,
umusa ka Jesu.
Simenyiwe, namhlanje
ukuya kuyena.



Senzeni na (x8)
How long, O Lord (x8)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.

— Musical interlude —

Mon âme se repose'
en paix sur Dieu seul.
de lui vient mon salut.
Oui, sur Dieu seul
Mon âme se repose,
se repos'en paix.

*My soul finds rest
And peace in God alone
In God, my peace and joy
only in God my soul
finds its rest
Finds its rest and peace.*



Yehla Moya oyiNgcwele, usindis' iAfrika (x2)
Usindis' iAfrika (x2)
Yehla Moya oyiNgcwele, usindis' iAfrika
The Holy Spirit will come down, and Africa will be saved (x2)
And Africa will be saved (x2)
The Holy Spirit will come down, and Africa will be saved



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION / UKWAMUKELA NOKUQALISA

**Bishop Barry Wood OMI, Chairperson, Diakonia Council of Churches
Nomabelu Mvambo-Dandala, Executive Director, Diakonia Council of Churches**

CALL TO WORSHIP / MASISONDELE ENKOSINI NGOMKHULEKO

Bishop Barry Wood OMI, Chairperson, Diakonia Council of Churches

LEADER Creating God, You are the source of light and life,
ALL **So we praise you.**

LEADER You became flesh to bring light and life,
ALL **Ngakho-ke siyakudumisa.**

LEADER You sustain the world with your light and life,
ALL **So loof ons U.**

ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS / UDWENDWE LWABANTU ABATHWELE ISIPHAMBANO

HYMN / ICULO

You who watch the highest heavens
Wond'ring where God's mansions are;
You who hope to spot an angel
Spinning like a falling star;
Earth is calling, Earth is calling,
Come back home and rest in me

Lowo-mthombo wosindiso
Owavulwa ngenxa yami;
Mawuvele, umpompoze,
Uzihlanz'izono zami.
O Msindisi! O Msindisi!
Nguwe olusizo lwami.

You who hope for joys in heaven,
Do you know the joys of Earth?
Ancient forests filled with singing,
Seas that shout when whales give birth?
Earth is calling, Earth is calling,
Come back home and sing with me.

As 'k die doodsjordaan eens nader,
Wil my bange vrees kalmeer;
Dra my deur die woeste water
Veilig na U Kanaän, Heer.
Lofgesange, Lofgesange
Sal ek ewig aan U bring.

CONFESSION / UKUVUMA ISONO

The Venerable May Laban, Diocese of Natal, and
Dean Gilbert Filter, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa (NT)

LEADER O God, we use more than what is ours.
Therefore your creation is suffering.

ALL **God, have mercy.**

LEADER We consume the resources of the earth
At the expense of the poor and the oppressed.

ALL **Christ, have mercy.**

LEADER We are prisoners of consumption
And we confess that we do not want to get out of our captivity.

ALL **Nkosi, sihawukele.**

LEADER We seek security by possession.
We steal from those coming after us.

ALL **God, have mercy.**

LEADER We have not challenged selfishness and greed.
We have not confronted the powers that seek to destroy life.

ALL **Christ, have mercy.**

LEADER We know that the earth is fragile, but this knowledge paralyses us.
We confess that we are apathetic and indifferent toward the environment.

ALL **Nkosi, sihawukele.**

LEADER We acknowledge that we often know the truth,
But we do not want to know it.

ALL **God have mercy.**

LEADER Since we do not want to commit ourselves
Our proclamations are not credible.
Since we do not want to be a part of change
Others have to live in despair.

ALL **Christ, have mercy.**

LEADER As we do not want to pay the costs for a new way of living,
Others have to pay with their lives.

ALL **Nkosi, sihawukele.**

LEADER We hope for unity, but we do not act.
We honour the ideals of compassion and love,
But we do not follow them.

ALL **God, have mercy.**

LEADER God, we confess that we take pleasure in confessing without breaking up
from our sins.

ALL **Out of the depth, we cry to you. Jesus, hear our cry and forgive us.
O God of forgiveness, in knowing how you love us through the cross of
Jesus, help us to change, give us strength to overcome our greed, our
apathy, our fear, that we may become co-creators with you in preserving
and protecting this Earth, our home, for the good of all. Amen**

HYMN / ICULO

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Ngingephikelele lutho
oluphambeneyo naye.
Konke engikuthandayo
Ngikudela ngenxa yakhe.

Kyk hoe sy hand, sy hoof, sy voet,
sy smart en liefde saam vertoon,
Hoe liefd' en smart mekaar ontmoet,
hoe doringvlegsels hom daar kroon.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

TESTIMONIES / OFAKAZI

Testimonies by a member of Imibonoyethu (our visions), Folweni, and Umlazi T-Section. / *Ubufakazi bethulwa yilungu le-Imibonoyethu, eFolweni kanye nomele Umlazi T-Section.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING / UKUFUNDWA KWETESTAMENTE ELIDALA

Revd Fred von Fintel, Lutheran Church of Southern Africa (ELCSA)

Amos 5: 7–15, Read in isiZulu.

Nina enihlanekezela ukwahlulela kube-ngumhlonyane, nilahle phansi ukulunga, nimfune owenza isiLimela neMpambano, ophendula ithunzi lokufa libe-ngukusa, ayenze imini ibemnyama njengobusuku, obiza amanzi olwandle, awathululele ebusweni bomhlaba – nguJehova igama lakhe.

Owenzela ukuchitha ukuba kunyazime phezu kwabanamandla, nencithakalo ukuba yehlele izinqaba. Bayamzonda ofakazela ukulunga esangweni, okhuluma ubuqotho banengwa nguye. Ngalokho, ngokuba ninyathela abampofu, namukele kuye isipho samabele, noma nakha izindlu ngamatshe abaziweyo anyikuhlala kuzo, nokuba nitshala izivini ezinhle anyakuphuza iwayini lazo. Ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi iziphambeko zenu ziningi nokuthi izono zenu zinkulu, nina enicindezela abalungileyo, namukela umvuzo, nenichezuka abampofu esangweni.

Ngalokho ohlakaniphileyo uyakuthula ngalesosikhathi, ngokuba kuyisikhathi esibi lesi. Funani okuhle, hayi okubi, ukuze niphile, abe-nani uJehova uNkulunkulu-Sebawoti kanjalo, njengalokhu nisho.

Zondani okubi, nithande okuhle, nimise ukwahlulela esangweni, mhlawumbe uJehova uNkulunkulu-Sebawoti uyakuba nomusa kuyo insali yakwa Josefa.

(Adapted from the NIV)

You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground (the One who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns blackness into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land – this is your God – the One who flashes destruction on the stronghold and brings the fortified city to ruin), you hate the one who reproves in court and despise those who tell the truth. You trample on the poor and force them to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Therefore the prudent one keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then almighty God will be with you, just as you say. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph. Therefore this is what God Almighty says: "There will be wailing in all the streets and cries of anguish in every public square. The farmers will be summoned to weep and the mourners to wail. There will be wailing in all the vineyards, for I will pass through your midst," says your God.

CHORUS / IKHORASI

Be still and feel the presence of God,
The presence pulsing, pulsing through Earth,
Be still and feel the pulse of God.

Be still and hear the Spirit of God,
The Spirit breathing, breathing through Earth,
Be still and hear the breath of God.

Be still, behold the glory of God,
The glory filling, filling this Earth.
Be still, behold the face of God

GOSPEL / IVANGELI

Ms Heike Freese, forum Kirche, Bremen, Germany

Luke 23: 26–34, 39–42, read in English

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Terwyl hulle Hom weglei, gryp hulle 'n sekere Simon van Sirene, wat toe net van buite die stad af gekom het, en sit die kruis op hom om dit agter Jesus aan te dra. 'n Groot menigte van die volk het agter Jesus aangeloop, onder wie ook vroue wat oor Hom getreur en gehuil het. Maar Jesus het na hulle toe omgedraai en gesê: "Vroue van Jerusalem, moenie oor My huil nie, huil oor julleself en julle kinders, want daar kom dae waarin hulle sal sê: 'Hoe gelukkig is die onvrugbare vroue en dié wat nooit 'n kind in die wêreld gebring het of gevoed het nie.' Dan sal hulle vir die berge sê: 'Val op ons!' en vir die heuwels: 'Bedek ons!' As hulle dit met die groen hout doen, wat sal dan met die droë hout gebeur?" Daar is ook twee ander, albei misdadigers, weggelei om saam met Jesus tereggestel te word. Toe hulle by die plek kom wat Kopbeen genoem word, het hulle Hom daar saam met die misdadigers gekruisig, die een aan sy regter- en die ander een aan sy linkerkant. Toe sê Jesus: "Vader, vergeef hulle, want hulle weet nie wat hulle doen nie!" Hulle het sy klere verdeel deur te loot.

Een van die misdadigers wat daar gehang het, het Hom gelaster deur te sê: "Is jy dan nie die Christus nie? Red jousef en ons ook!" Maar die ander een het hom tereggewys en gesê: "Is jy nie bang vir God nie? Jy ondergaan tog dieselfde straf as hierdie man! In ons geval is dit regverdig, want ons ontvang die verdiende straf vir ons dade. Maar hierdie man het niks verkeerd gedoen nie." Verder sê hy: "Jesus, dink aan my wanneer U in u koninkryk kom."

TAIZÉ CHORUS

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (x3)

Jesus, O dink aan my, waneer U, Heer, in U ryk kom. (x3)

SERMON / INTSHUMAYELO

Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

Translation summary in isiZulu. / *Intshumayelo efinqqiwe ngokwesizulu.*

Ms Nelisiwe Bam, Vice-Chairperson, Diakonia Council of Churches

HYMN / ICULO

My God, accept my heart this day
And make it wholly Thine
That I from Thee no more may stray
No more from Thee decline.

Voor Hom wat hang daar aan die kruis,
Val ek as sonbaar neer.
Vir al ons sonde's Hy vergruis.
Ja Christus is ons Heer!

Let every thought, and work and word
To Thee be ever given
Then life shall be Thy service, God
And death the gate of Heaven

Zonk' ezeth' izinyembezi
Azifezi-lutho
Nguwe Nkosi osusayo
Zonk' izono zethu

All glory to Creator be
All glory to the Son
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee
While endless ages run.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS / IMIKHULEKO YOKUNXUSA

Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM, Archdiocese of Durban

LEADER Giver of Life,
We celebrate your goodness
in the abundance in creation, in the richness in each other.
As we groan with creation

ALL **Creator God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of poisoned waters
We pray for adequate potable water for all in our Metro
As we groan with creation

ALL **Creator God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of polluted air and death
We pray for the people of South Durban
As we groan with creation

ALL **Creator God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of mountains of waste
May we commit ourselves to reduce our consumption
And to challenge those who exploit the earth
Shamelessly for profit
As we groan with creation

ALL **Gracious God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of a world of war,
We pray for endangered species and threatened livelihoods,
A just transition to renewable energy and an end to nuclear power
As we groan with creation

ALL **Gracious God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of a plundered earth,
We pray for food sovereignty, access to arable land and seed.
As we groan with creation

ALL **Gracious God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of greed and poverty,
May we work for an economy that brings life and not death,
and an economy of caring and sharing, solidarity and justice.
That satisfies the needs of all and not only of some.
That is centred on the provision of food and not the accumulation of things.
That values people and relationships and not the pursuit of growth.
As we groan with creation

ALL **God of all provision, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
In the midst of the moment, we fail to look toward tomorrow,
Preventing us from handing over to our children a fertile and clean earth,
As we groan with creation

ALL **All seeing God, hear our prayer**

LEADER Giver of Life,
We commit ourselves to cherish life and to bring fullness of life to all,
to restore the integrity of creation and to enjoy the earth's goodness.

ALL **O God of all Creation and Provision, hear these our prayers** Amen.

DIRECTIONS FOR PROCESSION / INCAZELO NGODWENDWE

As people leave for the procession, the following hymn is sung and a collection is taken towards the costs of the service. / *Lapho abantu belungela udwendwe lokuphuma leligama lohlatshelwa, futhi koqoqwa nomnikelo ukubhekana nezindleko zenkonzo.*

HYMN / ICULO

Amazing is the Christ who died
To void all sin and curse;
Just as amazing is His life
That fills the universe

Wazithwal' izono, Jesu,
Zinge'zono zakho;
Wahlawul' icala, Jesu,
Linge'cala lakho.

O Christus U is meer as net
Die Een wat vir ons wag;
U is rondom en binne'n als
Die kern van ons bestand.

The cosmic Christ moves deep below
To heal the wounds within,
When all creation groans in pain
Because of human sin.

Sekukhon' ukuyekelwa
Ngobuhlungu bakho;
Zonk' izono zingahlanzwa
Egazini lakho.

The cosmos hails the Christ, the One
Who reconciles all things,
'Til all creation rises new
With healing in her wings.

As Christ unites the universe,
Restores this Earth once more,
A cosmic song reverberates,
A rich symphonic score.

PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS /

INHLABALUHIDE YODWENDWE EMIGWAQWENI

The cross is carried through the streets to the City Hall in a solemn, silent procession. Along the route will be reflection points represented by church groups and local environmental organisations naming a concern for our environment. Take note of these points on the route for your own quiet meditation and future action. / *Isiphambano sizothwalwa emigwaqeni sibheke eHholo ledolobha ngenhlalaluhide enesizotha nenokuthula. Kuloludwendwe kuzobe kunemibukiso ekhombisa ukuzwelana nendalo eyobe imelwe ngamathimba anozwelano ngendalo. Yibhekisiseni lemibukiso endleleni ngokuzindla ngeningase nikwenze ingomuso.*

SERVICE IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL /

INKONZO NGAPHAMBI KWEHHOLO LEDOLOBHA

When the procession arrives in the open space in front of the City Hall, the congregation assembles around the cross as directed by the ushers as the choir sings. / *Ngenkathi udwendwe lufika ebaleni eliphambi kweHholo ledolobha, ibandla liyohlalanga ngaphambi kwesiphambano ngokulawulwa ngabalawuli (ushers), bese ikwaya icula.*

HYMN / ICULO

God, our maker, great Creator,
All creation sings your praise,
Sun and stars in all their splendour,
Moon in ev'ry changing phase,
Earth with all its trees and grasses,
Sparkling rivers, ocean blue,
All unite to pay you homage,
Singing joyously to you.

Provident and wise Creator,
As your mighty plan unfurled,
You made us to share your labour
In the building of the world.
Man and woman you created,
That united, heart and home,
They might work and strive together
Till your endless realm may come.

God of truth and love unbounded,
Further still your mercy went
When uniting earth with heaven,
Your incarnate Son you sent:
First-born of your vast creation,
Holding all in unity
Leading all in power and wisdom
To a glorious destiny.

HYMN / ICULO

Now thank we all our God
In whom this Earth rejoices,
For creatures great and small
Who now have lost their voices;
And species calling us
Before they disappear,
To love this fragile Earth
That God would have us share.

O may this bounteous God
In ev'ry tree be near us
To help us feel the pain
Of barren lands so cheerless,
Where once like Eden fresh,
Wild birds in freedom flew
To celebrate a land,
Where life rose crystal new.

Dank God, dank almal God
Met hart en mond en hande;
Wat grote wonders doen,
Gesien in alle lande;
God het ons trou bewaar
Van ons geboorte aan,
En tot op hierdie dag
Het God ons bygestaan.

All praise and thanks to God
Creator now be given,
Who kept alive on Earth,
This tribe of greedy humans,
Who sent an only Son
Who suffered earthly pain,
That cosmic ill and death
Should never rule again.

O Spirit from the land
Rise up like sacred leaven
To free us from the ills
Polluting Earth and heaven;
Inspire us with the drive
To be like healing rain,
Renewing life on Earth
And praising God again.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS / UKUBEKWA KWEZIMBALI ESIPHAMBANWENI

HYMN / ICULO

Great is thy faithfulness, O great Creator;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand has provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, God unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

HYMN / ICULO

Love divine, all love's excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Nkosi yam' ilizwi lakho
Lingumkhanyiseli wami,
Nkosi yam' umusa wakho
Uyangenamisa nami;
Nginothabo, Nkosi yami.
Nginothabo, Nkosi yami.
Nkosi yam' umusa wakho
Uyangenamisa nami;

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave:
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

O, voltooi U nuwe skepping,
Laat ons rein en vlekloos wees;
Toon ons dan U groot verlossing:
Gans herstel in U te wees –
Gans verander tot U ere,
Tot ons in die hemel kom
En ons krone voor U neerwerp,
Van aanbiddend' liefde stom.

HYMN / ICULO

O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day (x2)
With ferns and frogs and butterflies;
A forest hymn of praise. (x4)

Come celebrate with all the land,
Let species rare begin, (x2)
With sheep and cows and goats too
A choir of country kin. (x4)

How can we hear creation groan,
The earth cries out in pain? (x2)
With elephants rejoice
When earth is born again. (x4)

Let ev'ry stream and river flow
In song toward the sea; (x2)
With whale, and seal and albatross
We thank God we are free! (x4)

O for a thousand trees to sing
And join with us this day, (x2)
With ferns and frogs and butterflies;
A forest hymn of praise. (x4)

COMMITMENT / UKUZINIKELA

Bishop Mike Vorster, Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Natal Coastal District

LEADER Loving God we thank you for the glory of your creation,
We thank you for the earth and water, sun and wind,
Creatures and people, nations and cultures:
Strengthen us as we seek to affirm that the earth and all therein is yours.

ALL **In Christ we have been shown that we are called as the human race to bear God's likeness in working and caring for the earth which God created for the wellbeing of all.**
May God's Spirit lead us to sensitive closeness with earth's life, to that humble, unselfish and compassionate life-style by which earth is inherited in peace, by which her life is transformed for all to share justly in her bounty. So be it! Amen.

HYMN / ICULO

O Gracious God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds
Thy hand hast made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

Ngibabaza okwenzileyo Nkosi Umhlaba osenzele wona. Ezulwini
ngibon' izinkanyezi, Nay' imvula ivel' ezulwini.

*Refrain: Umoya wami uyakudumisa
Umukhulu Simakade
Umoya wami uyakudumisa
Umukhulu Simakade*

And when I think that God, the Son not sparing, allowed him to die,
I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He
bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

U Seun word mens, in ons gebroke wêreld,
Kom vestig Hy sy konings-heerskappy.
Hy maak weer reg wat sonde hier geskend het,
Hy bring weer hoop en redding ook vir my.

*Refrain: Dan moet ek juig, my Redder en my God!
Hoe groot is U! Hoe groot is U!
Want deur die hele skepping klink dit saam:
Hoe groot O Heer, hoe groot U naam!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me
home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble
adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Refrain:

BENEDICTION / ISIBUSISO

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May the God who created this world, help us to preserve this beautiful
creation for the use and enjoyment of all God's people.

May the God who's Son, Jesus, died on the cross for us and for all creation,
help us and all people made in God's image, to overcome poverty and injustice
through that cross.

May the God whose Spirit hovers over the world and lives within each of us
help us to be open to receive the grace and power of the Spirit, to strengthen
us for the struggle against greed and consumerism and economic exploitation.

May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Life-giver, be with you all,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN / ICULO

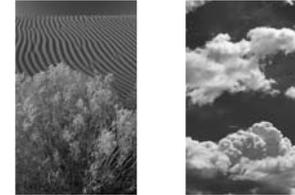
Praise the birth of Love's creation, love with passion guides our way:
Love that lifts the human spirit, bringing hope with each new day.
Celebrate the gift of loving, may it always with us stay.

Praise with gladness Love's creation, born among us, now we share:
Love that stirs concern within us, so each other's pain we bear.
Celebrate the gift of loving, that infuses human care.

Praise with gladness Love's creation, love that lifts the heart to sing:
Love that frees the soul from bondage soaring, as a bird on wing.
Celebrate the gift of loving, joy and peace such love may bring.

As people leave, a collection will be taken to help
cover the costs of this service. /

*Ngenkathi abantu behlakazeka, kuzoqoqwa umnikelo
ukuze kubhekelwe izindleko zenkonzo.*



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