

# **A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving**

in honour of

**The Most Reverend Doctor**

## **Desmond Mpilo Tutu**

Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



**at St James' Church, King Street, Sydney**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**4.00pm**



**S.<sup>T</sup>. JAMES'**  
Bicentenary 2019-2024

### **COVID -19 and Attendance at St James' Church**

Services of worship are open to all people, whether vaccinated or not.

The NSW Government has removed almost all COVID-19 restrictions on church services, however we believe it is still time for caution. We therefore recommend that those attending worship or other church activities should:

- Be fully vaccinated;
- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Wear masks while in the church building and not remove them to sing;
- Keep appropriate social distancing where possible; and
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

The NSW Ecumenical Council and the National Council of Churches in Australia expresses deep appreciation to the Parish of St James, the Rector, the Reverend Andrew Sempell, Mr Warren Trevelyan-Jones (Music Director) and the Choir for their assistance, participation and hosting of this Memorial Service.

## **DESMOND MPIOLO TUTU    07/10/1931 – 26/12/2021**

Born in Klerksdorp in 1931, Desmond Tutu's father was a teacher and his mother a domestic worker. He received his elementary education in the mission school system in which his father taught. Unable to afford medical school, he trained as a teacher, as did his wife-to-be, Nomalizo Leah Shenxane. After the apartheid government intensified its policies of segregation by introducing a deliberately inferior education system for Blacks, to keep them in perpetual servitude, he and Leah both left the profession. Desmond entered St Peter's Theological Seminary in Rosettenville and Leah trained to become a nurse. In 1960 he was ordained deacon and later that year ordained priest in the Johannesburg Cathedral. In 1962, a bursary from the World Council of Churches' Theological Education Fund (TEF) made it possible for him to further his studies at King's College, London. The family returned to South Africa in 1967 when Desmond took up a position to teach at the Federal Theological Seminary, which was the flagship of the TEF's worldwide ecumenical projects. Three years later he moved to Roma University in Lesotho, and in 1972 he returned to London to take up the position of associate director of the TEF. He travelled extensively, especially in Africa, which he called his 'constituency'.

Returning to South Africa in 1975, he rose rapidly in the church hierarchy, becoming the first Black priest to be Anglican Dean of Johannesburg, Bishop of Lesotho, General-Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), Bishop of Johannesburg, and, in 1986, Archbishop of Cape Town and head of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In 1992 he ordained two of the first women to become Anglican priests in South Africa.

During his six years with the SACC, he became the outstanding Christian leader in his country, and his unwavering pursuit of justice, peace and reconciliation made him an obvious candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, which he was awarded in 1984.

After the government un-banned Black-led political organisations and released political prisoners in 1990, Tutu left the political stage to Nelson Mandela and others, while reserving – and exercising – the right to criticise politicians of any stripe, including Mandela, for their failures to live up to his and their ideals. He acted as a mediator during the violence that preceded South Africa's transition to democracy in 1994, then focused on reconciling South Africa. In 1996 President Mandela appointed him to chair South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (the TRC).

After the TRC, he embarked on a new phase in his life as a global activist for love, justice and human rights. His became a leading voice in the struggles for climate justice, peace in Palestine and Israel, equal rights for the LGBTI community – and for morality, equality, fairness and justice across the world.

In 2007, he joined former President Mandela, former US President Jimmy Carter, retired UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, and former Irish President Mary Robinson

to form The Elders, a global group of influential leaders. He was the first chairperson of the group.

He is synonymous with the core African philosophy of Ubuntu, that God's creation is interconnected and inter-dependent. The human family is one and all people should honour one another regardless of colour, class, geographic location, religious belief, sexual orientation.

He received honorary degrees from scores of top universities, and among many national and international honours, received the Gandhi Peace Prize, the highest civilian honours in South Africa and the United States, was appointed a Grand Officier of the Légion d'Honneur (France), became an honorary member of The Order of the Companions of Honour (UK), the Sydney Peace Prize and an honorary Doctorate from the University of Sydney.

He came to Australia in 1984, 1987, 1993, 1994 and 1999.

He leaves his wife, Nomalizo Leah, who has been his strength and support throughout their lives, four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## **THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

### **Official Guests**

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC,  
*Governor of New South Wales*  
and Mr Dennis Wilson

### **Rector, St James' Church, King Street, Sydney**

The Reverend Andrew Sempell

### **Worship Leader**

The Reverend Myung Hwa Park  
*President, NSW Ecumenical Council*

### **Memorial**

The Reverend David Gill, AM  
*Former General Secretary*  
*Australian Council of Churches / National Council of Churches in Australia*

### **Preacher**

The Reverend Dr Ray Williamson, OAM  
*Former General Secretary & Former President NSW Ecumenical Council*

### **Intercessors**

Wies Schuiringa, *Religious Society of Friends*  
Lieut Colonel John Hodge, *The Salvation Army*  
Mrs Janet Karampour, *Assyrian Church of the East*  
The Reverend Fr Sujit David, *Church of South India*

### **Symbolic Action**

The Reverend Simon Hansford, *Moderator, Uniting Church (NSW/ACT Synod)*  
Matthew and Daniel Gullis, *Anglican Church*  
Clara and Carla Mary Najarian, *Armenian Apostolic Church*  
Mary-Rebecca Megalaa and George Iskander, *Coptic Orthodox Church*

### **Benediction**

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Stead, *Anglican Bishop of South Sydney*

### **Choir of St James'**

Directed by Warren Trevelyan-Jones

### **Organist**

Alistair Nelson

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*The Organist plays Adagio in E major by Frank Bridge (1879-1941)*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and sing as the ministers enter the church.*

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| 1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,<br>and in the depth be praise;<br>in all his words most wonderful,<br>most sure in all his ways!          | 5. O generous love! that he who came<br>as man to smite our foe,<br>the double agony for us<br>as man should undergo:                    |
| 2. O loving wisdom of our God!<br>when all was sin and shame,<br>a second Adam to the fight<br>and to the rescue came.                            | 6. And in the garden secretly,<br>and on the cross on high,<br>should teach his friends, and thus inspire<br>to suffer and to die.       |
| 3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,<br>which did in Adam fail,<br>should strive afresh against the foe,<br>should strive, and should prevail; | 7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,<br>and in the depth be praise;<br>in all his words most wonderful,<br>most sure in all his ways! |
| 4. and that the highest gift of grace<br>should flesh and blood refine:<br>God's presence and his very self,<br>and essence all-divine.           | Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90) <i>alt</i><br>Tune: GERONTIUS, J B Dykes (1823-1876)  |

## WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Reverend Andrew Sempell

*Please remain standing.*

## GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Myung Hwa Park

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

In his letter to Christians in Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote:

“I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

(Romans 8: 38-39)

God of love, your presence fills this place.

**Open our hearts and minds to your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gift of life and for the life of Desmond Tutu.

**We lift our memory of him before you today with grateful hearts.**

We thank you for the faith that inspired him.  
**We honour the love and goodness we saw in him.**

We celebrate his witness to your peace and justice.  
**We remember his striving for freedom,  
truth and reconciliation in his country, South Africa.**

## NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

Nkosi sikelel'i Afrika  
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo  
Yizwa imithanda zo yethu  
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso  
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho  
O se boloke, O se boloke  
Setjhaba sa heso  
Setjhaba sa South Afrika

South Afrika!

Uit die blou van onse hemel,  
uit die diepte van ons see,  
Oor ons ewige gebergtes  
waar die kranse antwoord gee.

Sounds the call to come together  
and united we shall stand.  
Let us live and strive for freedom  
in South Africa our land.

*Please be seated.*

Lord Bless Africa  
May her glory be lifted high  
Hear our petitions  
Lord bless us. Us your children

Lord, we ask You to protect our nation  
Intervene and end all conflicts  
Protect us, protect us  
Protect our nation  
Protect South Africa

South Africa!

Ring out from our blue heavens,  
from our deep seas breaking round,  
Over everlasting mountains  
where the echoing crags resound.

Sounds the call to come together  
and united we shall stand.  
Let us live and strive for freedom  
in South Africa our land.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend David Gill, AM  
*Former General Secretary*

*Australian Council of Churches / National Council of Churches in Australia*

## MOTET

*The Choir sings 'Cover me with the night' by Peter Klatzow.*

Come, Lord, and cover me with the night.  
Spread your grace over us  
As you assured us you would do.  
Your promises are more than all the stars in the sky;  
your mercy is deeper than the night.

Lord, it will be cold.  
The night comes with its breath of death.  
Night comes; the end comes; you come.  
Lord, we wait for you day and night.

Words: from an African Prayer Book, Desmond Tutu (editor)  
Music: Peter Klatzow (1945-2021) from Prayers and Dances of Praise from Africa

## POEM

*Read by Ms Elizabeth Williamson*  
Anglican Church

### WHEN GREAT TREES FALL

- Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,  
rocks on distant hills shudder,  
lions hunker down  
in tall grasses,  
and even elephants  
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall  
in forests,  
small things recoil into silence,  
their senses  
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,  
the air around us becomes  
light, rare, sterile.  
We breathe, briefly.  
Our eyes, briefly,  
see with  
a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,  
examines,  
gnaws on kind words  
unsaid,  
promised walks  
never taken.

Great souls die and  
our reality, bound to  
them, takes leave of us.  
Our souls,  
dependent upon their  
nurture,  
now shrink, wizened.  
Our minds, formed  
and informed by their  
radiance, fall away.  
We are not so much maddened  
as reduced to the unutterable  
ignorance of  
dark, cold  
caves.

And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.



## HYMN

*Please stand to sing.*

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,  
in you no shadow of turning we see;  
you never fail and your love is unchanging:  
as you have been you for ever will be.

*Great is your faithfulness.  
Great is your faithfulness,  
morning by morning new mercies we see;  
all we have needed your hand has provided:  
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in unspoken witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,  
your living presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
these are the blessings your love will provide.

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1899-1960 *alt.*  
based on Lamentations 3:22, 23

Music: FAITHFULNESS (Runyan), by William Runyan (1870-1957).

## COLLECT

**Leader:** Let us pray  
God of unfailing love,  
you have made us in your own image, giving us gifts of grace:  
we remember and give thanks for Desmond Tutu  
and the faith, hope and love that inspired his life;  
help us to use your gifts to us to be reconcilers, peace-builders  
and witnesses to your truth and love in our lives and in your world;  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

### First Reading:

#### *Micah 6: 6-8*

*Read by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley, AC, QC,  
Governor of New South Wales.*

Listen to a Reading from the Book of the Prophet, Micah:

‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

May your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Psalm:** 116 (TIS 71)

*All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord who has heard my prayer,  
who bends down to hear my call.  
The cords of death entangled me:  
the grip of the grave took hold of me.

2. Then I called on the name of the Lord,  
“I beg you, save my soul!”  
Our Lord is gracious and just,  
our God is merciful.

*Response*

3. How can I repay the Lord  
for the goodness done for me?  
The cup of salvation I raise,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

4. To the Lord I will pay my vows  
before all the people.  
How precious the death of the saints,  
those who remain faithful to God!

*Response*

5. Lord God, I am your slave,  
the child of a faithful mother.  
You have loosed my bonds,  
you have set me free.

6. A sacrifice of thanks I bring  
and call on your name.  
To the Lord I will pay my vows  
before all the people. *Response*
7. I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the courts of God.  
In the midst of Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord! *Response*

Psalm response by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

## **Second Reading:**

### *John 15: 1-17*

*Read by Ms Elizabeth Stone,  
General Secretary, National Council of Churches in Australia*

Listen to the good news, proclaimed in the Gospel according to St John:

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

May your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

## HOMILY

The Reverend Dr Ray Williamson, OAM

### SYMBOLIC ACTION

Reader: The prophet Micah reveals what God's desire is for us  
- to do justice.

*A candle, symbolising justice, is carried to the Chancel and lit*

Reader: God, your justice rolls down like waters.  
**Give us grace to live justly.**

Reader: The prophet Micah reveals what God's desire is for us  
- to love kindness.

*A candle, symbolising kindness, is carried to the Chancel and lit*

Reader: God, your loving-kindness reaches the depth of our being.  
**Give us grace to show kindness.**

Reader: The prophet Micah reveals what God's desire is for us  
- to walk humbly with God.

*A candle, symbolising humble walking with God, is carried to the Chancel and lit*

Reader: God, you invite us into fullness of life.  
**Give us grace to walk humbly with you, our God.**

### HYMN

*All stand to sing.*

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow:  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-91)

*tr.* Peter Williams and William Williams *alt.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, by John Hughes (1873-1932)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please be seated.*

*Wies Schuiringa prays.*

Let us offer our prayers.

Reconciling God, we remember Desmond Tutu as a prophet in his unwavering pursuit of justice, peace and reconciliation; encourage and empower us for our prophetic ministry wherever there is exclusion and injustice.

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

May situations of discrimination, injustice, oppression and conflict throughout the world be transformed into places of reconciliation, inclusion and peace.

Reconciling God, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*A candle is lit*

*John Hodge continues.*

Compassionate God, we remember Desmond Tutu as a pastor in his deep generosity and compassion for all people, inspire us to be agents of your inclusion and care

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

May all people come to recognise and be recognised as sisters and brothers created in your image.

Compassionate God, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*A candle is lit*

*Janet Karampour continues.*

Eternal God, we remember Desmond Tutu as a person of prayer, the foundation of his ministry; draw us into an ever-deepening relationship with you through prayer, reflection and worship.

In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May all communities of faith be welcoming places of devotion and spiritual renewal.

Eternal God, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*A candle is lit*

*Sujit David concludes.*

Holy God, we remember Desmond Tutu, ordained for service in your Church, proclaiming the message with persistent faith; strengthen us with your grace for our lives of witness and service.

In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May your Church faithfully bear witness to your promise of salvation, life and love.

Holy God, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*A candle is lit*

Leader: We draw together these and all our prayers, as we say together

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed by your name  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sine against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Please stand.*

Leader: We for our part have crossed from death to life; this we know because we love our brothers and sisters.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Exchange the peace with those near you with a bow of the head.*

## **PRAYER FOR AFRICA**

*Please be seated.*

Sung by the Choir  
*Music by Dr Barry Smith*  
*(Former Organist at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town)*

## **BLESSING**

*Please stand.*

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Stead  
*Anglican Bishop of South Sydney*

## **HYMN**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the love of God ...

South African traditional  
*tr. Anders Nyberg 1955-*

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*The Organist plays Chorale Prelude on 'St Ann's'*  
*by C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)*