

Westminster Abbey



A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE AND WORK OF
NELSON MANDELA
18th July 1918–5th December 2013

President of the Republic of South Africa
10th May 1994–16th June 1999



Monday 3rd March 2014
Noon

NELSON MANDELA

Rolihlahla Mandela was born in Mvezo, Transkei, on 18th July, 1918, to Nonqaphi Nosekeni and Nkosi Mphakanyiswa Gadla Mandela. His father died when he was twelve, and he became a ward of the Thembu Regent Jongintaba Dalindyebo, where he heard stories of his ancestor's valour.

At primary school in Qunu, his teacher, Miss Mdingane, gave him the name Nelson, in accordance with the custom to give all school children 'Christian' names. His university studies were cut short when he was expelled for joining a student protest, but he completed his BA by correspondence and graduated in 1943.

Mandela and his cousin Justice fled in 1941, when the Regent began arranging their marriages. In Johannesburg, he completed his law articles and registered to study for an LLB. He finally graduated in 1989, while in the last months of his imprisonment; he obtained his LLB through the University of South Africa.

Mandela only joined the African National Congress in 1944, when he helped form the ANC Youth League. In the same year, he married Evelyn Mase, and they had two sons and two daughters, one of whom died in infancy. They divorced in 1958. In 1952, he and nineteen others were convicted for their part in a civil disobedience campaign and sentenced to nine months' hard labour, suspended for two years.

Having completed a two-year diploma in Law, in 1952 he started the first black law firm with Oliver Tambo. He was arrested in a countrywide police swoop on 5th December 1955, which led to the 1956 Treason Trial. He was in the last group of twenty-eight acquitted on 29th March 1961. The killing by police on 21st March 1960 of sixty-nine unarmed protestors led to the country's first state of emergency and the banning, on 8th April, of the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress.

In 1958, he married a social worker, Winnie Madikizela, and they had two daughters. The couple divorced in 1996. When he and his colleagues were acquitted in the Treason Trial, he went underground and planned a national strike for 29th, 30th and 31st May 1961. In June 1961, he helped to establish the armed wing of the ANC.

On 11th January 1962, using the adopted name David Motsamayi, Mandela left South Africa secretly, and travelled around Africa and visited England to gain support for the armed struggle. He received military training in Morocco and Ethiopia. He was arrested in a police roadblock outside Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, on 5th August 1962 and charged with leaving the country illegally and inciting workers to strike. He was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, which he began serving in Pretoria Local Prison.

In October 1963, Mandela joined ten others on trial for sabotage in what became known as the Rivonia Trial. Facing the death penalty, his words to the court at the end of his famous ‘Speech from the Dock’ on 20th April 1964 became immortalised:

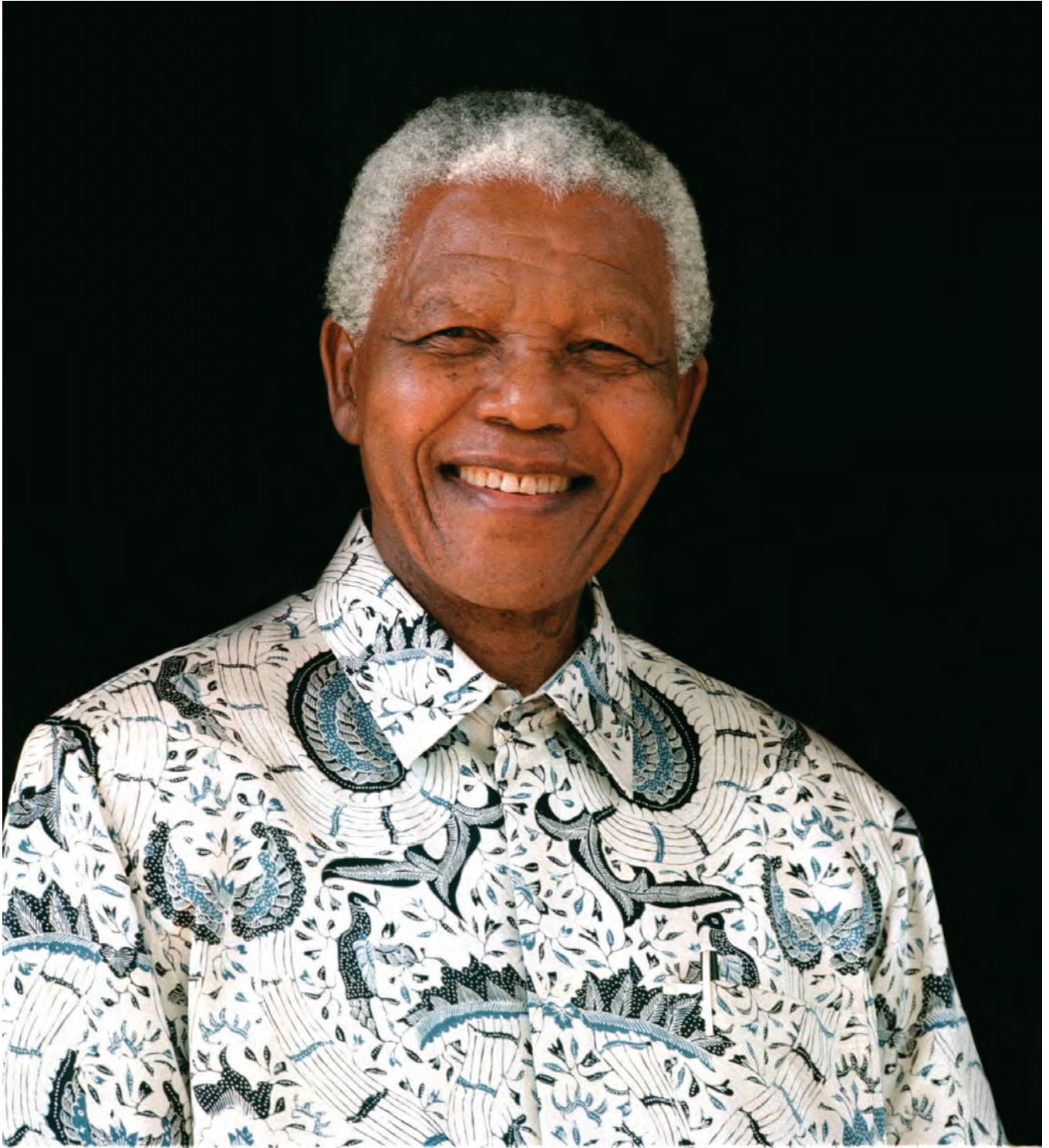
‘I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.’

On 11th June 1964, he and seven others—Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Denis Goldberg, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni—were convicted and, the next day, were sentenced to life imprisonment. His mother died in 1968, and his eldest son, Thembi, in 1969. He was not allowed to attend their funerals. On 31st March 1982, he was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town with Sisulu, Mhlaba and Mlangeni. Kathrada joined them in October. In 1986, he initiated talks with the government about an ultimate meeting with the ANC. He spent over three months in hospital with tuberculosis, and the last fourteen months of his imprisonment in a house at Victor Verster Prison, from where he was released on 11th February 1990.

In 1993, Mandela and President FW de Klerk jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize, and on 27th April 1994 he voted for the first time in his life. On 10th May 1994 he was inaugurated South Africa’s first democratically elected President. On his eightieth birthday in 1998, he married Graça Machel, his third wife. He stepped down in 1999 after one term as President.

He continued to work with the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund he set up in 1995, and established the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Mandela Rhodes Foundation. Nelson Mandela never wavered in his devotion to democracy, equality, and learning. Despite terrible provocation, he never answered racism with racism. His life has been an inspiration to all who are oppressed and deprived, and to all who are opposed to oppression and deprivation.

Nelson Mandela died at his home in Johannesburg on 5th December 2013. He was 95.



Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are switched off.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

Martin Ford, Assistant Organist, and Peter Holder, Organ Scholar, play:

Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 546 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 2 *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*
'But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.'
(Psalm 37: 11)

Sonata VI in D minor Op 65 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*
Vater unser im Himmelreich

The Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Speaker, and the Lord Mayor of London, together with members of the Mandela family and other dignitaries, are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door, and are conducted to their places. All remain seated.

Soweto Gospel Choir sings:

Hlonolofatsa *traditional*

Avulekile Amasango/One Love *traditional/
Bob Marley (1945–81)
and Curtis Mayfield (1942–99)*

Ha Ke Le Tje *traditional*

This Little Light of Mine/
If You Ever Needed the Lord *Harry Dixon Loes (1895–1965)/
traditional*

Kae Le Kae *traditional*

Amen *traditional*

A Procession of Representatives of the Christian Churches in the United Kingdom moves to places in the Sacrarium.

Daniel Cook plays:

Prelude on 'Picardy'

John Joubert (b 1927)

The Prime Minister is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door, and is conducted to his seat. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door, and is conducted to her place. All remain seated.

The Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa and the High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to the Court of St James are received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door, and are conducted to their seats. All remain seated.

An organ fanfare is sounded. All stand.

His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, representing Her Majesty The Queen, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the West Gate. Presentations are made.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession, together with
His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales, moves to places in Quire and the Sacarium*



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,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

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
I will ever give to thee.

*Cwm Rhondda 368 NEH
John Hughes (1873–1932)*

*William Williams (1717–91)
translated by Peter Williams (1727–96) and others*

All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives

THE BIDDING

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for South Africa was held here in Westminster Abbey twenty years ago to celebrate the first democratic elections which brought black majority rule to South Africa, and the return of the country to membership of the Commonwealth. At that time, all who were here, and people throughout the world, thanked God for the triumph of a spirit of reconciliation, and for peaceful transition.

It is hard to imagine that any of this would have been possible without the grace and generosity shown by Nelson Mandela. Today we join together, representing the people of South Africa, of the United Kingdom, and of the Commonwealth, to give thanks to almighty God for a truly great man.

As we recall the life and work of Nelson Mandela, we shall give heartfelt thanks, and we shall pray for the people of South Africa, and for peace and justice in God's world.

All sit. A recording is played of an extract

*from THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION SPEECH
of NELSON MANDELA*

The time for the healing of wounds has come.

The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come.

The time to build is upon us.

We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

We succeeded to take our last steps to freedom in conditions of relative peace. We commit ourselves to the construction of a complete, just and lasting peace.

We have triumphed in the effort to implant hope in the breasts of the millions of our people. We enter into a covenant that we shall build the society in which all South Africans, both black and white, will be able to walk tall, without any fear in their hearts, assured of their inalienable right to human dignity—a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world.

All remain seated. Soweto Gospel Choir sings

ASIMBONANGA

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Asimbonang'uMandela thina
Laphe'khona,
Laphe'ehledi khona.

Hey wena!
Hey wena nawe:
Siyofika nini la'siyakhona?

*We have not seen him
We have not seen Mandela
In the place where he is,
In the place where he is kept.*

*Hey you!
Hey you, and you as well:
When will we arrive at our destination?*

Johnny Clegg (b 1953)

All remain seated for

THE TRIBUTES

by

His Excellency Kgalema Motlanthe
Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa

and

The Right Honourable Peter Hain MP

Soweto Gospel Choir sings

LIZALIS' INDINGA LAKHO

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Thixo Nkosi yenyanyiso!
Zonk' iintlanga, zonk' izizwe
Ma zizuze usindiso.

Amadolo kweli lizwe
Ma kagobe phambi kwakho
Zide zithi zonk' iilwimi
Ziluxel' udumo lwakho.

Law'la, law'la, Nkosi, Yesu!
Koza ngawe ukonwaba;
Ngeziphithi-phithi zethu,
Yonakele imihlaba.

*Fulfil your promise,
Faithful, truthful God!
All races, all nations
Must be saved.*

*All knees in this world
Must bow before you
So that all tongues
Proclaim your glory.*

*Reign, rule, our God, Jesus!
Happiness can only come through you;
Because of our struggles and challenges,
There is so much damaged in the world.*

Bona izwe lakowethu,
Uxolel' izoono zalo;
Ungathob' ingqumbo yakho
Luze luf' usapho lwalo.

*Look at our country,
Forgive our sins;
Do not send your wrath
To kill us.*

Yaala, Nkosi, singadeli
Limfundiso zezwi lakho;
Uze usivuselele
Sive inyaniso yakho

*Prohibit us, God, from disobeying
The teachings of your Word;
Revive us
So we can know the truth.*

Tiyo Soga (1829–71)

All remain seated. His Excellency Obed Mlaba, High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to the Court of St James, reads from the Nave Pulpit

JOSHUA 4: 1–7, 19–end

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever.

The Choir sings

DEEP RIVER

DEEP river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.
Oh chillun! oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Walk into heaven, and take my seat,
And cast my crown at Jesus' feet.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.

Michael Tippett (1905–98)
from A Child of our Time

traditional spiritual

The Right Honourable David Cameron MP, Prime Minister, reads from the Great Lectern

ST JOHN 10: 10–16

JESUS said; The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast:’
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live:’
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright:’
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

*Kingsfold 376 NEH
traditional melody*

Horatius Bonar (1808–89)

THE ADDRESS

by

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu
Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town

All remain seated. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Mass in G minor

All kneel or remain seated. The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, and The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu, Lord Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, lead

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the gift of Christ's peace, let us pray to the Lord.

We give thanks for Nelson Mandela's exceptional commitment to freedom and forgiveness, and for his determination to turn hatred into love and anger into reconciliation.

Karen Mackenzie says:

HEAVENLY Father, your Son Jesus Christ taught us that it is only through forgiving others that we can ourselves be forgiven. We praise you for Madiba's clear vision of freedom for all, and for his unshakeable commitment to lasting peace. Inspired by his example, help us to work for peace in our homes, for peace in our communities, and for peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks to God for Nelson Mandela's humanity and energy, for his qualities of inspiration, for his humour, and his passionate leadership.

The Reverend Dr Jongikaya Zihle, Minister, Shern Hall Methodist Church, says:

THIX' Onamandla onke, ubiza abantu kwizizukulwana zonke ukuba mabamkele iindaba zakho ezilungileyo, ude usiphe nokubona ubumyoli bobuKumkani bakho. Nanjengoba ngoku sizisa imibulelo yethu kuwe Nkosi ngobomi buka Madiba, sibulela ubuntu kunye nobugorha bakhe, ukuzimisela kwakhe okuqinisekileyo kwanokukhathalela kwakhe uluntu lonke. Nceda Nkosi uthuthuzele bonke abalilela ukushiywa sesi-siThwalandwe esingu Tat' uMandela, ude ubombhathise ngengubo yakho yovuyo oluza ngoMoya Ongcwele, egameni leNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you call people in every generation to embody your good news, and offer us a glimpse of the vibrant life of your promised kingdom. As we give thanks for Madiba's courage and character, his gentleness, and his determination, comfort those who mourn him with the joy of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We give thanks for Nelson Mandela's vision of the equality of all people before God, which nourished his soul, sustained his faith, and inspired his vision for South Africa.

Katherine Gouws says:

GENEROUS God, the diversity of your people and the rich variety of creation declare the wonder of your love. We praise you for Madiba's commitment to a reconciled humanity, and to the eradication of the poverty which demeans and enslaves. Enlarge the capacity of our hearts for one another, and grant us the courage to work for the unity of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the Republic of South Africa, for God's blessing upon her leaders, and for the unity and flourishing of all her people.

Vassi Naidoo says:

ALMIGHTY God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named: bless the government and peoples of South Africa. Grant wisdom, discernment, and integrity to her leaders, and peace, prosperity, and faith to her citizens, that they may be united in a common life and purpose; and strengthen the nations of our Commonwealth in one bond and community, to the honour of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who long for freedom from oppression, fear, and hatred, and for all whose humanity is trampled by the greed or self-interest of others.

Phindiswa Kennedy, says:

COMPASSIONATE God, hear the cry of our hearts for all whose lives are diminished by injustice, prejudice, or violence. Renew their hope, restore their confidence, and hasten the day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the healing of past memories, and for those who find it hard to forgive, that they might know the liberation which Christ the Good Shepherd came to bring.

The Venerable Dr Jane Hedges, Canon in Residence, says:

HEAVENLY Father, your Son restored to fullness of life those who were cast out, and after his resurrection bestowed his gift of peace on those who were afraid. Send your healing and wholeness to all who bear the scars of the past in their minds and bodies, and by the power of your Holy Spirit wipe away all tears from their eyes, and transform their suffering into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Dr James Hawkey, Minor Canon and Precentor of Westminster, concludes:

GOD bless Africa; guard her children; guide her leaders; and give her peace, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Archbishop Trevor Huddleston CR (1913–98)

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so, each in our own language, we have the confidence to pray:

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.**

All sit. Jonty Driver, former President, National Union of South African Students, introduces and reads

A PASSAGE *from the* ROBBEN ISLAND 'BIBLE'

COWARDS die many times before their deaths:
The valiant never taste of death but once.
Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,
It seems to me most strange that men should fear,
Seeing that death, a necessary end,
Will come when it will come.

*William Shakespeare (c 1564–1616)
from Act II, Scene 2 of Julius Caesar*

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



CROWN him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
who lives—and loves—and saves.

Diademata 352 NEH
George Elvey (1816–93)
arranged by James O'Donnell

Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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| N KOSI sikelel' iAfrika | <i>Lord, bless Africa;</i> |
| Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo, | <i>May her spirit rise high up.</i> |
| Yizwa imithandazo yethu, | <i>Hear thou our prayers;</i> |
| Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo. | <i>Lord, bless us.</i> |

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| Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso, | <i>Lord, bless Africa</i> |
| O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho, | <i>Banish wars and strife</i> |
| O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso, | <i>Lord, bless our nation</i> |
| Setjhaba sa South Afrika—South Afrika. | <i>Of South Africa.</i> |

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

*Ringing 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.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy, and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The Queen.

All remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart.

Music after the service:

Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

All remain standing as the Procession moves to the west end of the Church.

**Members of the Congregation are requested to remain in their places
until directed to move by the Stewards.**

**A retiring collection is taken in aid of the
Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (UK).**

The bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

The Dean and Chapter would like to thank Her Majesty's Government, in particular the Cabinet Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the South African High Commission for their kind and generous support of this service.



The Robben Island 'Bible', signed by Nelson Mandela, highlighting a passage from Act II, Scene 2 of Julius Caesar

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