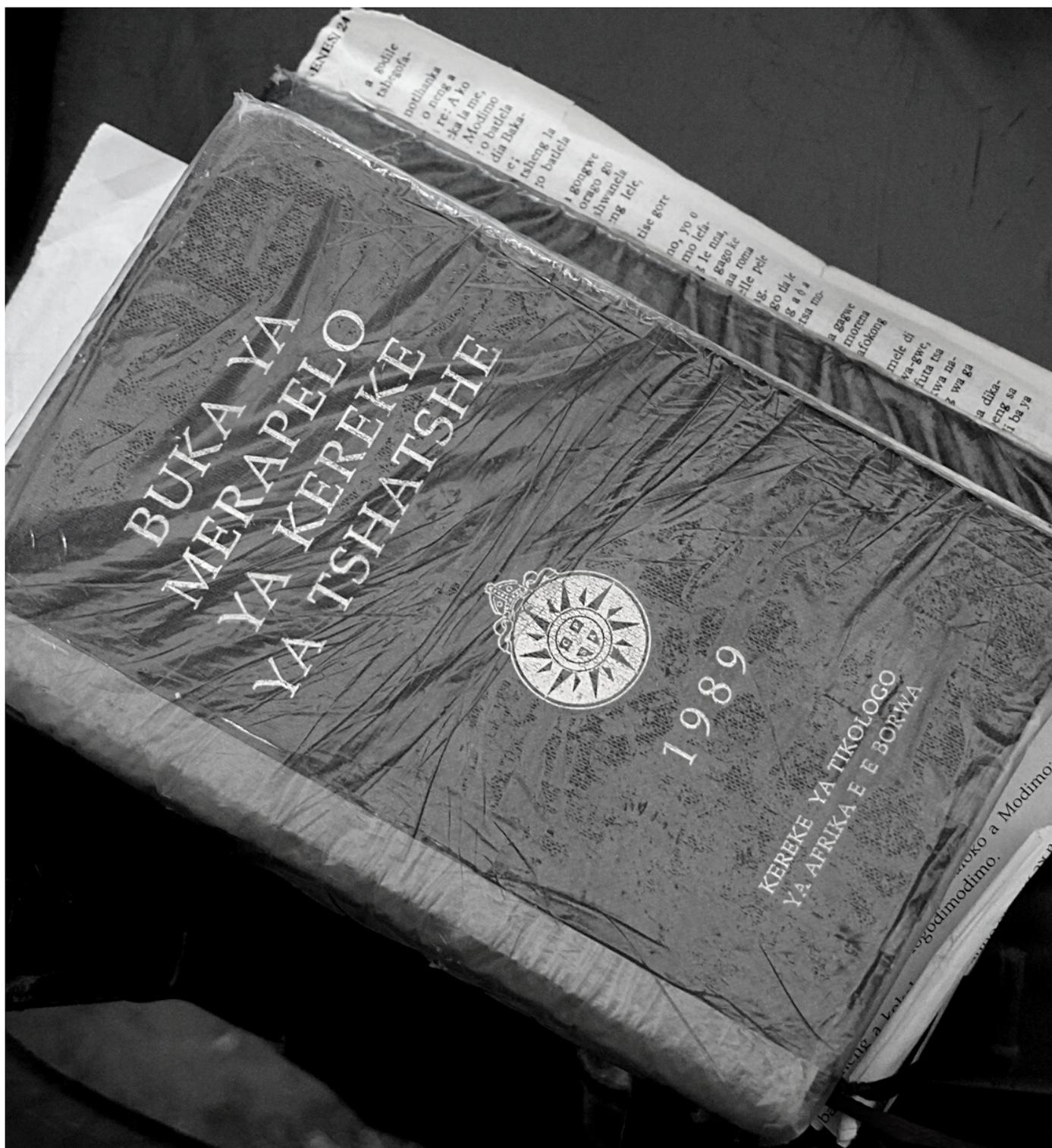


PRAYER DIARY

DIOCESE OF KIMBERLY AND KURUMAN - MARCH 2024



ROOTED IN FAITH, RADIATING CHRIST'S LOVE
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LET US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, UNITED IN
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ART: FREEDOM BY ANDREW THOMAS

LETTER FROM BISHOP BRIAN TO THE FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE

Subject: The Church's Role in Pursuing Human Rights: Honouring Desmond Tutu's Legacy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter Human Rights Month, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the crucial role of the Church in pursuing human rights and draw inspiration from the remarkable legacy of the late Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

Desmond Tutu was a beacon of hope and an embodiment of God's love for all humanity. Throughout his life, he dedicated himself to the pursuit of justice, equality, and human rights for all people. His unwavering commitment to social justice and his tireless efforts to combat apartheid in South Africa continue to inspire countless individuals around the world, myself included.

The Church, as the body of Christ, has a sacred duty to champion the cause of human rights. Our faith calls us to recognise the inherent dignity and worth of every person, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or any other characteristic that may set them apart. We are called to be the voice for the voiceless, to stand up against oppression, and to work towards a world where justice and equality prevail. In pursuing human rights, we must first acknowledge that they are not merely political or legal concepts but deeply rooted in our Christian faith. The Gospel teaches us that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, deserving of love, respect, and dignity. This understanding forms the foundation of our commitment to human rights.

As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate His example in our pursuit of justice. We must be a source of comfort and refuge for the marginalized, the oppressed, and the vulnerable in our society. We must actively engage in advocacy, speaking out against injustice and working towards the eradication of systemic discrimination. Our churches should be spaces where all are welcomed, where diversity is celebrated, and where the rights of every individual are protected and upheld.

During this Human Rights Month, I urge each one of you to reflect on how we can further embody the legacy of Desmond Tutu in our own lives, in our parishes, and within our communities. Let us be inspired by his courage, his unwavering faith, and his commitment to justice. Let us take concrete steps towards creating a society where every person's rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled.

I encourage you to engage in conversations about human rights, to educate yourselves and others about the issues at hand, and to actively participate in initiatives that promote equality, justice, and compassion. Let us come together as a community, united in our shared mission to build a more just and inclusive world.

May we draw strength from the teachings of Christ and the examples set by great leaders like Desmond Tutu as we continue our journey towards a society where human rights are safeguarded and cherished by all.

In Christ's service,

+ Brian Kimberley & Kuruman

MARCH 2024



Human Rights Month

01 MARCH 2024 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Palestinian Christian Women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. World Day of Prayer calls on us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. On this day, women are encouraged to bear with one another in love through prayer.

Here is Hannah's Prayer. It is a prayer of one who has laid claim on a victory everlasting, one who has witnessed the eternal love of God. May all the women of the world someday pray this prayer, proclaiming the goodness of the Lord.

1 Samuel 2: 1 - 10, The Message

Hannah prayed:

I'm bursting with God-news!

I'm walking on air.

I'm laughing at my rivals.

I'm dancing my salvation.

Nothing and no one is holy like God,
no rock mountain like our God.

Don't dare talk pretentiously—
not a word of boasting, ever!

For God knows what's going on.

He takes the measure of everything that happens.

The weapons of the strong are smashed to pieces,
while the weak are infused with fresh strength.

The well-fed are out begging in the streets for crusts,
while the hungry are getting second helpings.

The barren woman has a houseful of children,
while the mother of many is bereft.

God brings death and God brings life,
brings down to the grave and raises up.

God brings poverty and God brings wealth;
he lowers, he also lifts up.

He puts poor people on their feet again;
he rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope,

Restoring dignity and respect to their lives—
a place in the sun!

For the very structures of earth are God's;
he has laid out his operations on a firm foundation.

He protectively cares for his faithful friends, step by step,
but leaves the wicked to stumble in the dark.

No one makes it in this life by sheer muscle!

• God's enemies will be blasted out of the sky,
crashed in a heap and burned.

God will set things right all over the earth,
he'll give strength to his king,

he'll set his anointed on top of the world!



WEEK ONE



Women at the Frontlines

03 MARCH - 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Canticle 14 - A Song of Love (APB p.353)

Christians let us love one another: because love comes from God. The one who loves is born of God and knows him: but the one who does not love does not know God.

Love does not insist on its own way, it is not quick to take offence: it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love is patient and kind: love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude.

Love bears all things and believes all things: love hopes and endures all things.

Love will never come to an end: but prophecy will vanish, tongues cease and knowledge pass away.

For our knowledge and our prophecy are both imperfect: but when the perfect comes the imperfect will pass away.

Now I know in part: but then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood.

There are three things that last forever, faith, hope and love: but the greatest of these is love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be for ever. Amen.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Lent is a time devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial.

So as we reduce things such as careless speech, we can use that time to draw closer to God. One of the ways in which we can grow closer to God is by journaling and reflecting on his word and our faith.

Mrs Kim Maritz has a guideline for those who don't know where and how to start. Mrs Maritz believes that devotional journaling is a personal and evolving practice and can be adjusted to suit one's preferences. She encourages believers to let journaling be a source of spiritual nourishment and growth in your faith.

For a spiritually enriching and reflective practice, we are called on to keep a devotional journal using the 2024 Diocesan theme;

"Rooted in Faith, Radiating Christ's Love"
Ephesians 3:17

Devotional Journaling Guidelines

1. Select a Journal:

Choose a journal that resonates with you. It could be a dedicated notebook, a digital journaling app, or even a section in your existing journal.

2. Set the Atmosphere:

Create a peaceful environment for your devotional time. Find a quiet space, light a candle, or play soft instrumental music to set the mood.

3. Start with Prayer:

Begin your devotional time with a prayer. Ask for guidance, clarity, and an open heart to receive insights during your reflection.

Journaling Prompts

- Do you feel you have grown spiritually during this Lenten Period?
- What challenges have you experienced during your Lenten journey?
- What joys can you share about your Lenten growth?

INSPIRE INCLUSION. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

04 March

Community Clean Up Day

A community cleanup brings volunteers together to clean, repair, and improve public spaces and areas that have been neglected, vandalized, or misused.

Pick up a piece of plastic rubbish and talk to God about how you feel about it. A lament is a prayer expressing sorrow, pain or confusion. The Bible contains many laments (see, for example: Psalms 3, 10 and 94; the book of Lamentations; Matthew 23:37-39; Matthew 27:46). So, feel free to lament the state of our world, and all we have done to it. If it helps, take some time to write down your prayers and reflections.

06 March

We pray for Bishop Brian, Lynn and their family. In our prayers let us give thanks for their ministry in this Diocese and for the Holy Spirit to fill them with love as they continue to minister to God's people.

Prayer: 107 Our Churches and Church Leaders - The Prayers We Breathe

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your So you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for all Christian people
and for those who teach and guard the faith.
May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts,
and knit us together in the bond of your love.
May our lives bear witness to your glory in this world,
may our hands be ready to heal,
and our voices one with all your people,
to serve you with joy. Amen

08 March

International Women's Day

The IWD 2024 campaign theme is Inspire Inclusion. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world.

Prayer: Almighty God, today especially we acknowledge all women, in all their diversities. We embrace their facets and intersections of faith, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or disability. We celebrate all the achievements of women, whether religious, social, political, economic or cultural. We give thanks to those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after. Amen

09 March

Maqhamusela Khanyile of Zululand, Martyr 1877

Maqhamusela Khanyile was the first Zulu Christian Martyr who was killed by his peers.

Prayer: Eternal God
by whose grace your martyr Maqhamusela Khanyile
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:
move us by his example to deeper devotion
and perseverance in our Christian calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WEEK TWO



Mary, Undoer of Knots

VISIO DIVINA: MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

Freedom is the ultimate pursuit of Human Rights. There are various factors that hinder our freedom, many tangled knots that hold us back from experiencing spiritual growth, personal transformation and a deeper connection to our faith and our God.

In the Lenten Course designed by Bishop Brian with the help of Mrs Kim Maritz, PA to the Bishop, we are introduced to Visio Divina, or "Divine Seeing", a contemplative practice involving visual images. For those of a Protestant perspective, using the painting of 'Mary, Undoer of Knots' can be a meaningful way to engage in this practice. Visio Divina can be an entry way to pursue the freedom Jesus long obtained for us. As we hand over our tangled knots to Mary, may we feel liberated to live a life that glorifies God, a life in which we love one another as we love ourselves.

Gracious God,

As I come before You in prayer, I seek Your guidance in the spirit of humility and trust. Like Mary, who embraced Your divine plan with unwavering faith, I, too, desire clarity and direction in my life.

Untangle the knots of confusion and uncertainty that cloud my path. Grant me the wisdom to discern Your will and the courage to follow where You lead. Help me surrender my concerns and fears, trusting that Your grace can unravel even the most complex situations.

May the example of Mary's obedience inspire me to align my will with Yours and to walk in the light of Your truth. In seeking guidance, I place my trust in Your divine wisdom and providence.

Amen.

VISIO DIVINA - GUIDE

1. Preparation:

Find a quiet space where you won't be disturbed. Sit comfortably, take a few deep breaths, and centre yourself. Invite the Holy Spirit into your time of meditation.

2. Observation (Lectio):

Begin by carefully observing the painting (see the painting on the next page). Notice the details, colours, and expressions. Consider the overall composition and the emotions it evokes. Reflect on the symbolism present in the image.

3. Meditation (Meditatio):

Allow your mind to dwell on the elements of the painting. Consider the knots in the tapestry as symbolic of life's complexities. How might these knots resonate with your own experiences? Ponder the figure of Mary—her posture, gaze, and the sense of peace she exudes.

4. Prayer (Oratio):

Engage in a conversation with God. Share your thoughts and feelings inspired by the painting. Offer any knots or challenges in your life to God, seeking His guidance and intervention. Express gratitude for the assurance of His presence in unravelling life's complexities.

5. Contemplation (Contemplatio):

Sit in stillness, allowing God to speak to you through the visual elements. Let the painting become a window to divine insights and guidance. Embrace any emotions that arise and be open to the Spirit's movement.

6. Action (Actio):

Consider how the insights gained from this visio divina practice can inform your actions. Are there specific steps you feel led to take? How might the experience influence your perspective on facing life's challenges?

Remember, this practice is a personal journey, and each person may experience it uniquely. It's a way to engage with the visual representation of Mary, Undoer of Knots, from the perspective of your own spiritual tradition.



10 MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mother churches, the church where one is baptised and becomes "a child of the church". This typically involves spoiling mothers with gifts and attention and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. This day has been celebrated since the Middle Ages but in later times, it became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members.

So if you worked in Kimberly but your mother church was in Mahikeng, your boss would give you time off to go back to your mother church for celebrations.

The Mothering Sunday celebrations are similar to Mother's Day, but where Mother's Day is originally an American Holiday, Mothering Sunday is originally from the United Kingdom. Along with the UK, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries celebrate this day on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

What remains at the core of both these celebrations is that mothers are important and the inside of their bellies might truly be our first church. God delicately formed us there, setting us apart and destining us for great work.

PRAYERS - MOTHERS' UNION THE PRAYERS WE BREATHE

62 Family Life and Fellowship of Mothers

Father, we thank you that you have created us into families,

so that we may life, play, work, rejoice and grieve together.

Above all, we thank you that we are able to be members of your family and mothers i your church.

We thank you for our Christian family throughout the world.

We pray that our hearts may be united in prayer so that we are able to share one another's burdens, rejoice in one another's blessings and strengthen one another in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

77 Women

Lord,
you know about the lives of women,
all those ordinary handmaidens
whose lowliness you have regarded.
Throughout all generations
you will call them blessed,
because they work without resting,
feeding their families, maintaining their households,
helping each other
and all to your glory.

You will not send them away empty.



WEEK THREE



Luke 4:18

20 MARCH, WORLD KIDNEY DAY - PRAYER FOR KIDNEY HEALING
REVD. CHAANE: CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, MMABATHO - MAHIKENG ARCHDEACONRY

ALMIGHTY GOD, IN YOU NOTHING
IS IMPOSSIBLE. HEAR OUR
PRAYERS FOR ALL OUR SISTERS
AND BROTHERS WHO ARE SUFFERING
FROM KIDNEY ILLNESS.

GRANT THEM STRENGTH AND
COURAGE IN THIS BATTLE,
RESTORE THEM TO GOOD HEALTH
AND BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND
LOVED ONES.

GRANT WISDOM AND COMPETENCE TO
THOSE WHO TAKE CARE OF THEM,
MAY THEY BE HEALED IN YOUR
MOST PERFECT WILL AND TIMING.
WE ASK ALL THIS IN JESUS
CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN

21 MARCH: HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Below is an extract of a speech given by Graça Machel at the 11th Annual Desmond Tutu International Peace Lecture.

Arch has himself said, and I quote, "Children are a wonderful gift. They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are." Unquote. And he is absolutely right. Our precious children are under siege in South Africa and are exposing our glaring failures to them. It is the fate of young women in South Africa and around the globe that I would like to give voice and flesh to today.

How do we ensure those who are custodians of safety and security actually treasure and cherish those they are meant to protect and adore? The value of a child's life, their protection and well-being need to be our paramount concern as a society. Peace and justice has to start and reside in the hearts of each one of us, in the hearts of our families and in the hearts of our communities.

We are a society at war with itself. We adults are wounded. We are unhealed individuals who come together to form families and communities which are then fractured and broken as well. And we are passing on our trauma to our next generation.

Violence is the breastmilk we are feeding our young, our children are growing up experiencing hostility, exploitation and abuse on a daily basis.

If not directly, first-hand, they are exposed to this trauma second-hand in their social media feeds and in the news headlines as well. And so it should come as no surprise that having being socialised in a culture of violence, a natural tendency will be to operate in the world from a place of aggression, physical combativeness and hopelessness.

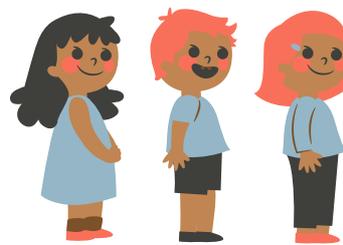
When I look into the eyes of Arch, I see so much love and compassion and I ask, why don't we draw from his life a source of wisdom, moral authority and the deep empathy needed to change this trajectory?

Don't we need a therapy of the soul to undertake the monumental task of transformation and untangle ourselves from the wicked webs of our trauma and toxic patriarchy?

We as adults have to change. We have constitutions, courts, progressive policies and legislation in place to protect women and children, but our failure is one of a human nature. We have to change our mindsets, our behaviours, our value system. We must reinvent our relationships and reengineer the way we relate in our families, in our schools, in our workplaces, with the spirit of ubuntu that Arch taught us and exudes with every fibre of his being.

Read the speech here:

<https://www.tutu.org.za/read-the-2021-peacelecture-speeches/>



ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS DESMOND TUTU ON FORGIVENESS

“GIVING THE EMOTION A NAME IS THE WAY WE COME TO UNDERSTAND HOW WHAT HAPPENED AFFECTED US. AFTER WE’VE TOLD THE FACTS OF WHAT HAPPENED, WE MUST FACE OUR FEELINGS. WE ARE EACH HURT IN OUR OWN UNIQUE WAYS, AND WHEN WE GIVE VOICE TO THIS PAIN, WE BEGIN TO HEAL IT.”



TO QUOTE TUTU

While some parts of the world are at war, let us remember the wise of Archbishop Emeritus, Desmond Tutu, and may God help us to follow his example of peace and justice.

On Freedom

In South Africa, we could not have achieved our freedom and just peace without the help of people around the world, who through the use of non-violent means, such as boycotts and divestment, encouraged their governments and other corporate actors to reverse decades-long support for the Apartheid regime.

On Genocides

When you think of the sort of things that happen when a genocide happens, it's again not people who are intrinsically evil.

On God

We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low.

On Children

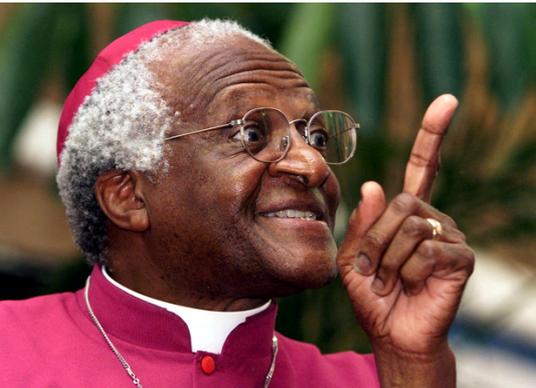
Children are a wonderful gift. They have an extraordinary capacity to see into the heart of things and to expose sham and humbug for what they are.

On Shoulders

You stand out in the crowd only because you have these many, many carrying you on their shoulders.

On the Holy Spirit

When you are in the presence of the Holy Spirit, it is like sitting in front of a fire that does not burn you. You are drawn to the qualities of the fire – its warmth, glow, and color. And as you are there in the presence of the Spirit, you also become suffused with the divine attributes of compassion, gentleness, and love, without your doing anything about it except just being there. You are loved, and you are held in this love.



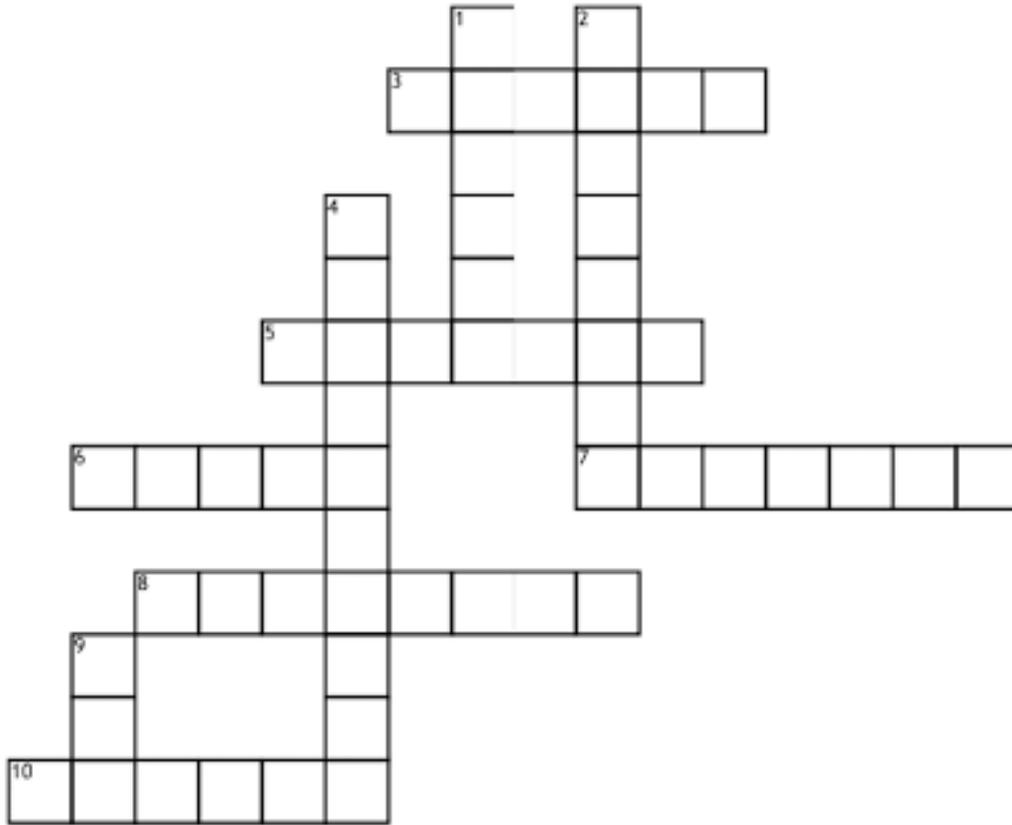
WEEK FOUR



Why is that guy on a donkey?

PALM SUNDAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete this Palm Sunday crossword with your family, friends and foe.



Across

- 3. What did the disciples place on the donkey?
- 5. The crowd said, "_____ is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
- 6. When asked, the disciples were to say that the Lord _____ them.
- 7. The crowd shouted, "_____ in the highest!"
- 8. What did people wave in the air?

- 10. What did Jesus ride on into Jerusalem?

Down

- 1. What did people spread on the road?
- 2. The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from _____ in Galilee."
- 4. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
- 9. Jesus sent _____ disciples into the village.

- MARK 11:1-10

AND WHEN THEY WERE DRAWING NEAR TO JERUSALEM AND TO BETHANIA AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, HE SENDETH TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES, AND SAITH TO THEM:

AND IF ANY MAN SHALL SAY TO YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SAY YE THAT THE LORD HATH NEED OF HIM: AND IMMEDIATELY HE WILL LET HIM COME HITHER.

GO INTO THE VILLAGE THAT IS OVER AGAINST YOU, AND IMMEDIATELY AT YOUR COMING IN THITHER, YOU SHALL FIND A COLT TIED, UPON WHICH NO MAN YET HATH SAT: LOOSE HIM, AND BRING HIM.

AND GOING THEIR WAY, THEY FOUND THE COLT TIED BEFORE THE GATE WITHOUT, IN THE MEETING OF TWO WAYS: AND THEY LOOSE HIM. AND SOME OF THEM THAT STOOD THERE, SAID TO THEM:

WHO SAID TO THEM AS JESUS HAD COMMANDED THEM; AND THEY LET HIM GO WITH THEM.

WHAT DO YOU LOOSING THE COLT?

AND THEY BROUGHT THE COLT TO JESUS; AND THEY LAY THEIR GARMENTS ON HIM, AND HE SAT UPON HIM.

AND MANY SPREAD THEIR GARMENTS IN THE WAY: AND OTHERS CUT DOWN BOUGHS FROM THE TREES, AND STREWED THEM IN THE WAY.

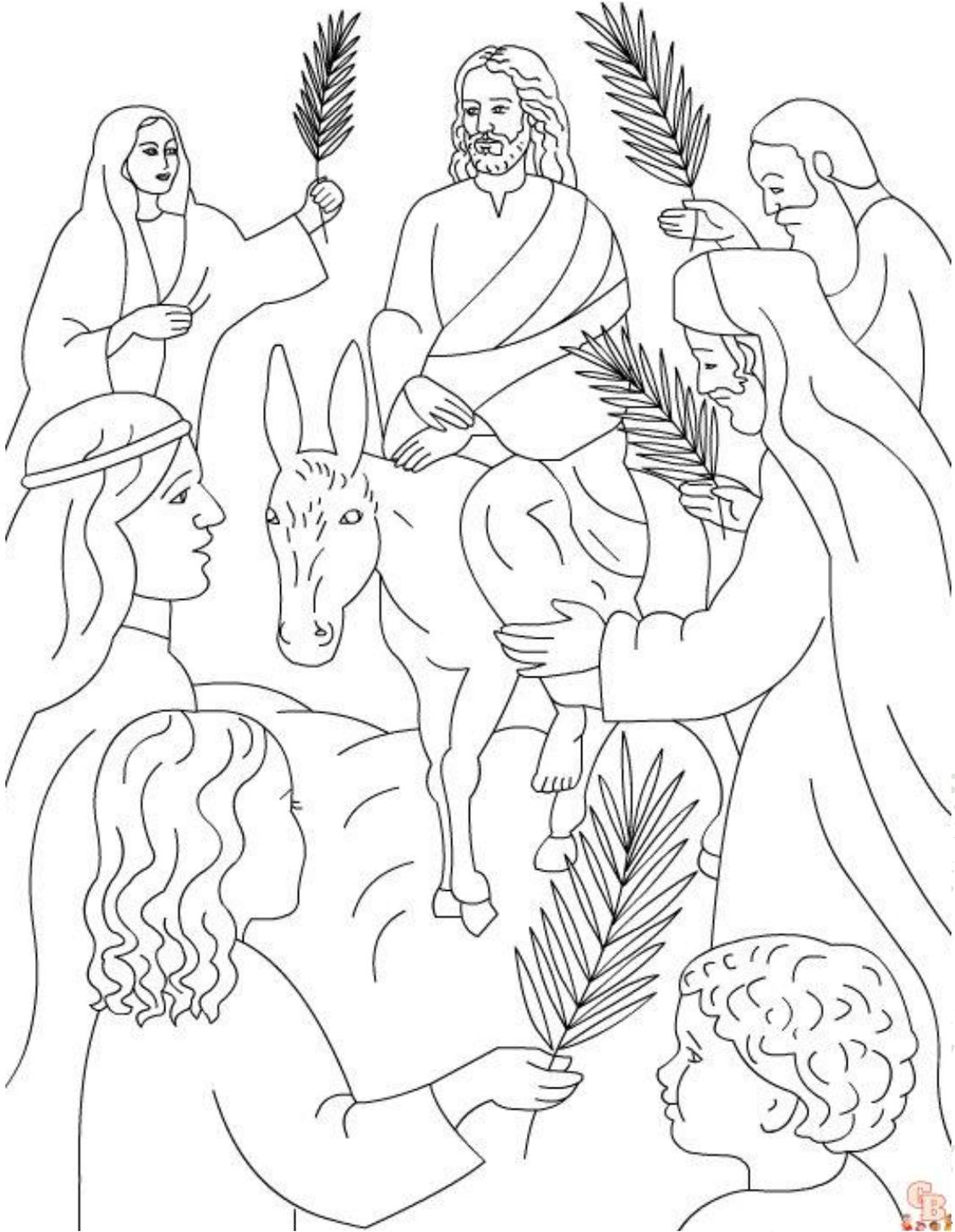
AND THEY THAT WENT BEFORE AND THEY THAT FOLLOWED, CRIED, SAYING:

HOSANNA, BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

BLESSED BE THE KINGDOM OF OUR FATHER DAVID THAT COMETH: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Play some music, light a candle and sit quietly to color in this Palm Sunday drawing.



HOLY WEEK



grant us the faith to know and love you



THE 14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are a few characteristics that will have you know that you are inside an Anglican Church. One being, it doesn't matter which way you turn, you're bound to land your eyes on a cross, or on a picture of Jesus, in deep pain, carrying a cross, making his way to buy us eternal freedom.

As we enter into the Holy Week, the significance of the cross becomes most pertinent. Through the hymns and choruses we sing of its power and look forward to rising again with Christ.

Here are the 14 Stations of the Cross, which will give you context for the beautiful art that hangs on the church walls. These stations also play a big role in our reverence for the cross and our salvation.

1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus is made to bear his cross.
3. Jesus falls the first time.
4. Jesus meets his mother.
5. Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross.
6. Veronica wipes Jesus' face.
7. Jesus falls the second time.
8. The women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus.
9. Jesus falls the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
12. Jesus dies on the cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.

23 - 29 MARCH - NATIONAL WATER WEEK

The Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman reaches across two provinces, the Northern Cape and the North West Provinces, the vastness of the provinces and diversity of its people is remarkable. Yet when we gather, we all understand the water crisis that affects our daily lives. The Northern Cape Province is the driest province in South Africa, the scarcity of water resources is a defining feature of this arid environment. Our behaviour towards water consumption needs to change, only then will it contribute towards improving the water situation.

Intercessory Prayers: You will need a glass of clean water, a glass of salted water, a bottle of coke and an empty glass are used.

Leader: (Holding the glass of clean water) Lord let this glass of clean water reminds us of the available sources of fresh drinking water. Help us to protect this gift. May our lives be so balanced that greed makes way for need and our wastefulness makes way for a commitment to preserve and share.

All: Fountain of life, wash us clean from greed and sin.

Leader: (Holding the glass of salted water) Let this glass of salted water remind us of the tears of those whose lives have been threatened by the scarcity of water, compounded by the stigma and discrimination they face. Let those who contribute to exploitative systems and mechanisms, shed tears of repentance and learn to lead simple lives so that others can simply live.

All: Creator of new life, transform us so that we have welling within us, springs of eternal life.

Leader: (Holding a bottle of coke) God of justice, we pray for all those who are resisting those who plunder and pillage our natural resources and threaten the livelihoods of our communities. We remember all those engaged in preservation and sharing of water, your gift of life, guide them and sustain them in their endeavours.

All: God of justice strengthen these "earthkeepers"

Leader: (Holding the empty glass) Lord we pray for all the communities who are involved in the issue of water justice. Sensitise us, to walk with all the people who lack the water of life. Help us to empty ourselves of all the prejudices and fill us with a vision of solidarity and fellowship so that we can liaise and work with other likeminded people in conserving the gift water.

All: God of justice, give us your vision.

Leader: Lord, we pray for the universal church and its mission and vision. Transform our lifestyles so that, not only in words but in deeds we may be channels of your justice. Let your churches be role models within our communities in conserving water and preserving life in all its fullness. Make your churches work together so that justice will prevail, and water will be available for all in our generation and beyond.

All: God of resurrection, make us channels of your living water.

Leader: We bring these prayers to you in the name of Christ, our Saviour,

All: Amen.

2024 THEME PRAYER

Heavenly Father, fount of love and
grace,
In faith, as one, we seek Your
embrace.

Dwell in our hearts, O Christ, we pray,
Our rock, our purpose, our guiding
ray.

Deepen our bond, our spirits renew,
Through prayer, our souls find
strength in You.

Radiate love, let compassion flow,
Transform our world, Your mercy
bestow.

Make us vessels of grace, instruments
true,
Where love is felt, and peace breaks
through.

In surrender, we find our place,
In Jesus' name, we seek Your grace.

Amen.

BISHOP

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for the 855 dioceses and 42 provinces of the Anglican Communion, 1 September 2023 to 31 December 2026. Through the ACP, Anglicans around the world have been united in praying on the same day for the same dioceses. Bless these Dioceses with good Christian families, responsible youth, an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and a dedicated laity; Bless all our efforts towards the material growth of these dioceses and increase our resources to keep alive our commitment to grow God's Church. Bless the Bishop, clergy, diocesan staff, all leadership and parishes in these dioceses. Amen

March 2024

Friday 1 March 2024

The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 2 March 2024

The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sunday 3 March 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent

The Church of the Province of Uganda

Monday 4 March 2024

The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 5 March 2024

The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 6 March 2024

The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 7 March 2024

The Diocese of Cochin – The Church of South India (United)

Friday 8 March 2024

The Diocese of Coimbatore – The Church of South India (United)

Saturday 9 March 2024

The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church

Sunday 10 March 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

The Episcopal Church

Monday 11 March 2024

The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

Tuesday 12 March 2024

The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 13 March 2024

The Diocese of Congo Brazzaville – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Thursday 14 March 2024

The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church

Friday 15 March 2024

The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland

Saturday 16 March 2024

The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross – The Church of Ireland

Sunday 17 March 2024

5th Sunday of Lent

The Church in Wales

Monday 18 March 2024

The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Tuesday 19 March 2024

The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England

Wednesday 20 March 2024

The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 21 March 2024

The Diocese of Cueibet – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Friday 22 March 2024

The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Saturday 23 March 2024

The Diocese of Cuttack – The Church of North India (United)

Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

The Church of the Province of West Africa

Monday 25 March 2024

The Diocese of Cyanguu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Tuesday 26 March 2024

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Wednesday 27 March 2024

The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea

Thursday 28 March 2024

Maundy Thursday

The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Friday 29 March 2024

Good Friday

The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 30 March 2024

Holy Saturday

The Diocese of Dallas – The Episcopal Church

Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Day

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

PRAYER BY VENERABLE ANDRIES PRETORIUS ARCHDEACON OF GARIEP

A prayer in Afrikaans and English

Kom ons bid:

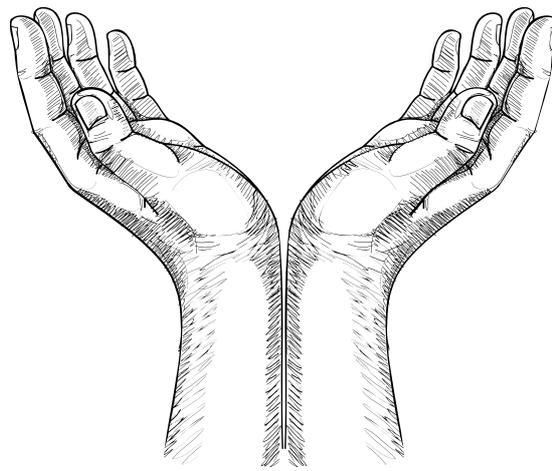
O God, U verklaar u almagtige krag
veral in die betoon van barmhartigheid
en jammerte:
skenk genadiglik aan ons so 'n mate van
u genade,
dat ons, wat die weg van u gebooie
bewandel,
mag u genadige beloftes ontvang,
en word deelgenote van jou hemelse
skat;
wees met ons deur hierdie Lydenstyd;
hou ons nederig en gehoorsaam, om ons
reis na Paasfees te volg;
wees met diegene wat hierdeur sterf tyd,
wees hulle genadig;
wees met ons Land en haar leiers;
veral wanneer ons as burgers na die
stemlokale gaan om te stem;
skenk ons u Hemelse genade en vrede;
deur Jesus Christus, u Seun, ons Here,
wat saam met jou lewe en regeer,
in die eenheid van die Heilige Gees,
een God, nou en vir ewig.

Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of
your grace,
that we, running the way of your
commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly
treasure;
be with us throughout this Lent; keep us
humble and obedient
to follow our journey to Easter; be with
those who die during this
time, have mercy upon them; be with our
Land and her leaders;
especially when we as citizens going to
the polling stations to vote;
grant us your Heavenly grace and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



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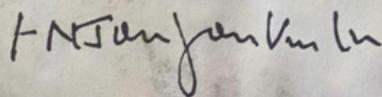
FOREWORD

We are most grateful to the Diocesan Education and Training Team who have produced this excellent Lent Book for study and prayer. This is a demonstration of the immeasurable value of team work and that one of the greatest assets we have got in the diocese is human resources.

This Lent Book is presented for study and reflection as we journey with our Lord Jesus from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is an extremely useful tool for personal renewal and growth in holiness. As we begin Lent this year may we be reminded of Paul's words when he says: "So then as you received Jesus as Lord and Christ, now live your lives in him, be rooted in him and built on him, held firm by the faith you have been taught, and overflowing with thanksgiving." (Col.2:6f)

I commend this Lent Book for serious and prayerful study.

Grace and peace,
Yours in the love of Christ.



+Njongonkulu - Kimberley and Kuruman
Ash Wednesday 1996

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