HOPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA



ON THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY

A Pre-Election Service of Reflection and Celebration

April 24, 1994 5:00 p.m. New Hope Baptist Church

PROGRAM

PRELUDE Esther "Little Dove" John

WELCOME/GREETING Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Sr.
New Hope Baptist Church

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Elaine J.W. Stanovsky
President-Director

President-Director
Church Council of Greater Seattle

INTRODUCTION of LEADERS

Vivian Manyike
Eddie Rye, Jr.

Elaine Hickman, Chair
Southern Africa Task Force

REFLECTION by South African Maseko Nxumalo

"Angi Angla"

The City Cantábile Choir
"Zisani Abwantwana"

Fred West, Director

REFLECTION by South African Keso Mbali

MUSIC

"Peace Should Become a Reality"

"Ain't Gonna Study War no More"

Righteous Rainbow Childrens Choir

Kent Stevenson, Director

REFLECTION by South African Peter Manyike

MUSIC Righteous Rainbow Childrens Choir "South Africa Will Be Saved" (See insert)

REFLECTION by South African Dr. Fred Dube

FREEWILL OFFERING

LITANY for SOUTH AFRICA (See insert) Rev. Robert Jeffrey, Sr.

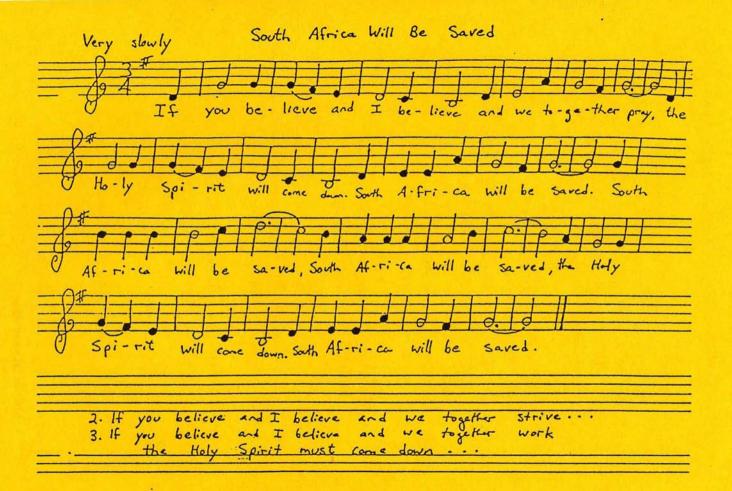
CANDLELIGHTING

"Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika" (See opposite page) City Cantábile Choir

BENEDICTION Rev. Clarence Solberg
Member, Southern Africa Task Force

POSTLUDE Esther "Little Dove" John

(Reception to follow hosted by Sierra Leone Association)



OH GOD OF JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

Leader: We long to put behind us all the pain and division of apartheid We long to see a new and united people in South Africa.

We ask you to bless the elections as a crucial step in establishing a society more in keeping with your will.

Help us to ensure that they are free, fair and peaceful.

People: Guide all election officials
all media workers,
all who provide security for the elections
that they may act with fairness and impartiality.

Leader: Help all monitors and observers to carry out their tasks with wisdom and courage.

People: May all accept the outcome of the elections in the true spirit of democracy.

Leader: We pray for those who will form the new government that they may govern with justice and compassion, and may be sensitive to the needs of all.

People: May they encourage a spirit of reconciliation and unity and draw all people to participate in building a new South Africa that will be just and peaceful.

All: All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN T

This prayer is being used in South Africa today, April 24, a special day of prayer for the elections. It was prepared by the Natal Church Leader's Group who invite us to join them in praying for the important events of this coming week.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo

Yizwa imithandazo yethu Nkosi, sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo. Lord bless Afrika
Lift up the horn of her
power and strength.
Hear our prayers.
Lord, bless us, we who are
your children.

Woza Moya (sikelela, Nkosi, sikelela) Woza Moya (sikelela, Nkosi, sikelela) Woza Moya oyingcwele Nkosi, sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo Come spirit (bless us, Lord, bless us) Come spirit (bless us, Lord, bless us) Come Holy Spirit. Lord, bless us, we who are your children.

Morena boloke sechaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matswenyeho
O fedise dintwa le matswenyeho
O se boloke, O se boloke
O se boloke, morena, O se boloke.
Sechaba sa heso, sechaba sa heso.

God, save our nation,
Put an end to wars and tribulations.
Put an end to wars and tribulations.
Save it, save it,
Save it, Lord, save it.
Our nation, Our nation.

Makube njalo, makube njalo Kude kube ngonaphakade, Kude kube ngonaphakade. May it be so, may it be so, For ever and ever, For ever and ever.

About Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika

The late Enoch Sontonge was a teacher in one of the Methodist Mission Schools. He had a gift for song, and constantly composed pieces, words and music, for the use of his pupils at public entertainments. He composed "Nkosi Sikelel iAfrika" in 1897 and it was first publicly sung in 1899 at the ordination of the Rev. H. Boweni, a Shangaan Methodist Minister. It was a joyful occasion as an African tribesman had attained the honor of becoming a clergyman. The African people around Johannesburg at that time were, however, far from happy as they felt they were unjustly treated by those in power. When the African National Congress flourished, its leaders adopted this piece as a closing Anthem for their meetings and this soon became a custom in the other provinces.

Southern Africa Task Force Church Council of Greater Seattle

Mission Statement

We are Christian people who are joined together because of our special concern about peace and justice in Southern Africa. Our purpose is to act out our faith by being advocates regarding Southern African justice issues as they are manifested both here and abroad. We are committed to keeping ourselves informed on current developments in Southern Africa. In turn, we will educate the local religious community in particular, as well as the larger community, about these issues. We seek to cultivate personal relationships with people in Southern Africa. We are opposed to racism in any form. We will work to overcome it in our personal lives as well as in our community and the world.

For more information please call 364-1540.