

Remember Soweto!

June 16, 1976



Hector Petersen, first child to be shot dead by police on June 16, 1976 during Soweto Uprising. Photo by Sam Nzima

**Candlelight Memorial Service
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
June 16, 1987**

Order of Worship

Invocation

Processional of Clergy

Hymn - "Lift Every Voice"

Statement From SAFTE

**Liturgical Dance - "Apartheid is Wrong"
Nuba Dance Theatre**

Roll Call of Martyrs

Sermon - Rev. Cecil Williams

Mother Stone - Freedom Songs

Offering

**Additional Comments
Rev. Richard M. Wallace**

Poetry Reading

**Announcement of
Solidarity Statements**

Excerpts from play - "Voices of Rage"

Benediction

Closing Hymn - "Nkosi Sielel'i Afrika"

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies; Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, Let us march on,
till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet, with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might Led us into the light:
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

Nkosi Sielel'i Afrika

Nko-si, si-kel-el' i Af-ri-ka,
Mal-u-pa-kam' u-pon-do-lway-o;
Yi-va im-i-tan-da-zo ye-tu.
U-si-si-kel-el-e,
Yih-la Moy-a, (Yih-la Moy-a,)
Yih-la Moy-a, Oy-ing cwel-e.

Roll Call of South African Martyrs

- Dr. Fablan Ribeiro**, prominent community leader and former detainee, shot by security police at his home along with his wife, December 5, 1986.
- Mrs. Florence Ribeiro**, community activist and sister of the late Pan Africanist leader Robert Sobukwe, shot by security police at her home along with her husband, December 5, 1986.
- Unborn child**, 20-24 weeks, of Bertha Rampa, 18, aborted after Ms. Rampa was assaulted by police during her detention, June, 1986.
- Jacob Mahlangu**, ANC member, shot dead in police vehicle, September 11, 1986.
- Mbuyisa Songelwa**, 29, former Robben Island prisoner, died in police custody while awaiting trial, September 10, 1986.
- Peter Nchabeleng**, Northern Transvaal United Democratic Front President, died after being sjambokked [whipped] by a police sergeant shortly after he was arrested, April 1986.
- Jerry Dlamini**, one of seven who died in a rock fall at JCI's Randfontein Estates Gold Mine because black workers were being used to drill a dangerous area of the mine instead of using a costly machine, April 15, 1987.
- Benedict Mashoke**, 20, died while in detention at Burgersfort Prison, March 26, 1987.
- Simon Marule**, 20, from the Kwathema township, died in a hospital after being detained for six months, December 1986.
- Makompo Lucky Kutumela**, member of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa and the Azanian Peoples' Organization, died in police custody less than 24 hours after his arrest April 4, 1986.
- Prudence Mngadi**, 11-year-old Durban schoolgirl, died from wounds on her face and chest after being shot by police during a raid at the Bantuvukani School, Lamontville, April 8, 1986.
- Andries Radtsele**, 29, trade unionist, died from head injuries in Baragwanath Hospital after his release from police custody, May 6, 1985.
- Thabo Mofokeng**, student, killed by the Security Forces while on an errand to a shop a few yards from his home. Dumped by the Security Forces more than two miles away where he died, May 1986.
- Egnes Mbonganl**, 18, shot by police while at a demonstration, August 11, 1985; she became a symbol for the country-wide protests against the apartheid system.
- Elizabeth Khumalo**, 16, shot by police while at a demonstration, August 11, 1985; she became a symbol for the country-wide protests against the apartheid system.
- Tefo Sara Ralsibe**, 3, asphyxiated by teargas while playing in her yard, November 17, 1985.
- Sipho Mutsi**, Student Organizer for the Congress of South African Students, died in detention, January, 1986.
- Victoria Mxenge**, prominent community leader and lawyer, assassinated by death squad, August 1985.
- Daniel Mallsele Mothupl**, 13, shot by police, February 6, 1986.
- Esther Madiphoso Masuku**, organizer for women's organizations, killed by death squad, March 1986.
- Trocla Ndlova**, 2 months, asphyxiated by tear gas while in her mother's arms, November 21, 1985.