

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Easter Joy As Resistance



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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Litany of Lament:

After each invocation, respond

℣: We bring this to the tomb and to our God.

Opening Song:

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

South African

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God. 2. God.
hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. khos'.
hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen, kha -

We are march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,

light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo

march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, ham-ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

Zulu phonetics: See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose. See-yah-hahm-bah.

Text: South African

Tune: South African

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Introductory Remarks

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Inclusive Bible

Collage of Readings on Joy:

- ◇ A reading from "[Migrant Joy as an Act of Resistance](#)" by Maritza Félix.
- ◇ A reading from "[Touch and See](#)" by Maureen Rasmussen
- ◇ A reading from "[Black Joy: Resistance, Resilience, and Reclamation](#)" by Elaine Nichols
- ◇ A reading from "[What is the point of joy when the world is so bad?](#)" by Rev. Lizzie McManus Dail.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Give the Glory

Ken Canedo

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1
and the hon - or to the Lord!

2
and the hon - or to the Lord!

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Gospel:

John 20:1-18

The Inclusive Bible

Preaching:

Dr. Nontando Hadebe

ANOINTING AND EMBODIMENT RITUAL

Invitation to personal reflection: *Where is joy most needed in your life? In our world?
How might you embrace and embody this joy?*

Blessing the Oil: *Please extend your hands in blessing over the oil...*

Anointing: “[Name], you are called by name.
Let your joy be resistance.”

Call & Response: After each invocation, raise your hand in the air and respond,
✠: Is resistance!

CLOSING RITES

Sending Forth: **Leader:** *Go proclaiming in word and action that love is alive,
that justice is rising, that resurrection is already unfolding.*

All: **Rx: Thanks be to God!**

Closing Song: *Avulekile Amasango (The Gates Have Been Opened)* Traditional Zulu

Avulekile amasango (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Iyoho amen

Avulekile amasang'ezulu
(Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Ezulwini (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo
Iyoho amen

Thina siphum'emnqamlezweni
(Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Sithethelw'izono (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Ngegazi lakhe (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Iyoho amen

Thina siphum'emnqamlezweni
(Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Sithethelw'izono (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Ngegazi lakhe (Yebo kunjalo kunjalo kunjalo)
Iyoho amen

Iyohoho Iyohoho ho uh ho
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen

One love
One heart
Let's get together and feel alright

Avulekile amasang'ezulu (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Asezulwini (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen

Thina siphum'emnqamlezweni (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Sithethelw'izono (Hai hai hai, hai hai)
Hai hai hai, hai hai
Iyoho ho ho ho ho ho amen



Thank you for joining us!
We look forward to seeing you again soon.