



# HOLY FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD NEWSLETTER



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## USIZI NALU LUMI LODWA (NO 64)

*Usizi nalu lumi lodwa lintlungu naanzi zimi  
zodwa Naab' ububele bumi bodwa  
Emnqamlezweni*

*Inkosi yehla ezulwini Eyaba ngumntu  
ebantwini Yeezelwa thina boon' idini  
Emnqamlezweni*

*Ukholo lwethu loma phi na? Ithemba lethu  
loma phi na? Uthando lwethu loma phi na?  
Emnqamlezweni*

*Zibona iingelosi phantsi Ziqwalasele  
futh' ezantsi Zibona isimanga naasi  
Emnqamlezweni. Amen*

## 27-BONANG SEFAPANONG

1 Bonang sefapanong  
'Moloki wa batho,  
Ho re lopolla tahlehong (bis)  
A ineela lefu. (ter)

2 A shwa ke lerato  
Lee a re ratileng;  
A re jarela thohako, (bis)  
Re lokolloe dibeng. (ter)

3 A tshoha boimeng  
Ba dibe tsa rona  
Lefu a le utlwa moyeng (bis)  
Le tshui ya lona. (ter)

4 dikhororo tsa hae  
Ke phophi tsa madi,  
Serapeng sa Gethsemane (bis)  
Tsa rothela fatshe. (ter)

5 Mora wa Modimo  
A tiswa Golgotha;  
Ka ho jara sefapano; (bis)  
A fediswa matla. (ter)

6 A rweswa meutlwa,  
A phunngwa maoto,  
Dibe tsa ron'a di utlwa (bis)  
Hoba di bohloko. (ter)

7 A fehwa sefateng,  
A nyaroha hamper,  
Ba mo hlaba lehlakoreng, (bis)  
Ka rumo le lebe. (ter)

8 Empa go fedile,  
Molao o phethiloe;  
Madi jwale a lefile, (bis)  
Tsohle di lokile. (ter)





## THE NEWS: THE POWER OF JESUS' LAST WORDS

International Saint John Church conducted The Seven (7) Last Words of Jesus Christ Workshop on Saturday, 18 April 2025 at 04 Henry Williams Road Thaba Tshwane, Pretoria.

Bishop M. Gcebe welcomed all present.

**The youth presented the 14 stations of the cross: the final moments from Jesus's condemnation to death to His burial (via Dolorosa).**

**The preachers took turns to explain the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross**







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These events are the ones upon which all believers stand and are saved that Jesus died, was buried, and raised on the third day ([1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#)). To determine one of these doctrines as more important than the other, however, may not be so easy.



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday, 18 April 2025, was a day filled with reverence and reflection as Bishop Ms. Gcebe opened the service with a prayer. The atmosphere in the church was solemn as senior lady Reverends and Lady Bishop (DR) Gcebe prepared the Holy Communion. Reverend Ntsana, Reverend Lekoape, and Evangelist (mme) Mabuza read from the book of 1 Corinthians 11:23-34, setting the tone for the service.

Bishop M. Gcebe introduced two hymns for the service, hymn 27, 268 "Sefela tsa sione" and hymn 64 and 65 Methodist Xhosa hymns. The congregation sang with heartfelt devotion, their voices blending in harmony as they worshipped together. The preaching was powerful and filled with the Holy Spirit, touching the hearts of all those in attendance.

The youth of the church took on the challenge of presenting Jesus Christ's 14 Stations with a dramatic performance that left the congregation in awe. Their passion and dedication shone through as they brought the story of Jesus' sacrifice to life. The Sunday School choir and Senior Youth choir also added to the atmosphere with their beautiful voices, lifting the spirits of all those present.

As the church leadership continued with the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ on the cross, the attendees joined in with vocal choruses, their voices raised in praise and worship. The formal tone of the service added to the reverence of the occasion, creating a sense of solemnity and reflection.

Overall, Good Friday Service was a day to remember, filled with worship, reflection, and a deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The congregation left the church feeling uplifted and inspired, ready to continue their journey of faith with renewed strength and devotion.





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To: The Congregation

Date: 20 April 2025

## BISHOP M. GCEBE THANK YOU LETTER:

Dear Members of the International Saint John Church,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the exceptional efforts put forth by our congregation during the preparations for Holy Friday. The high standards set by our church community truly exemplify our dedication to honoring this sacred day.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the church youth and mothers who worked tirelessly to prepare the food and drinks for the Holy Friday service. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and your contributions were instrumental in ensuring that the day was a success.

Additionally, I would like to thank the fathers of the church for their support and assistance in making sure that everything ran smoothly. Your leadership and guidance were invaluable, and I am grateful for your commitment to our church community.

It is truly inspiring to see the level of dedication and devotion displayed by our congregation during this important time of year. Your unwavering commitment to upholding the traditions and values of our faith is a testament to the strength and unity of our church community.

Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication. I am proud to serve as your Bishop and am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of individuals.

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

*Bishop M. Gcebe*



