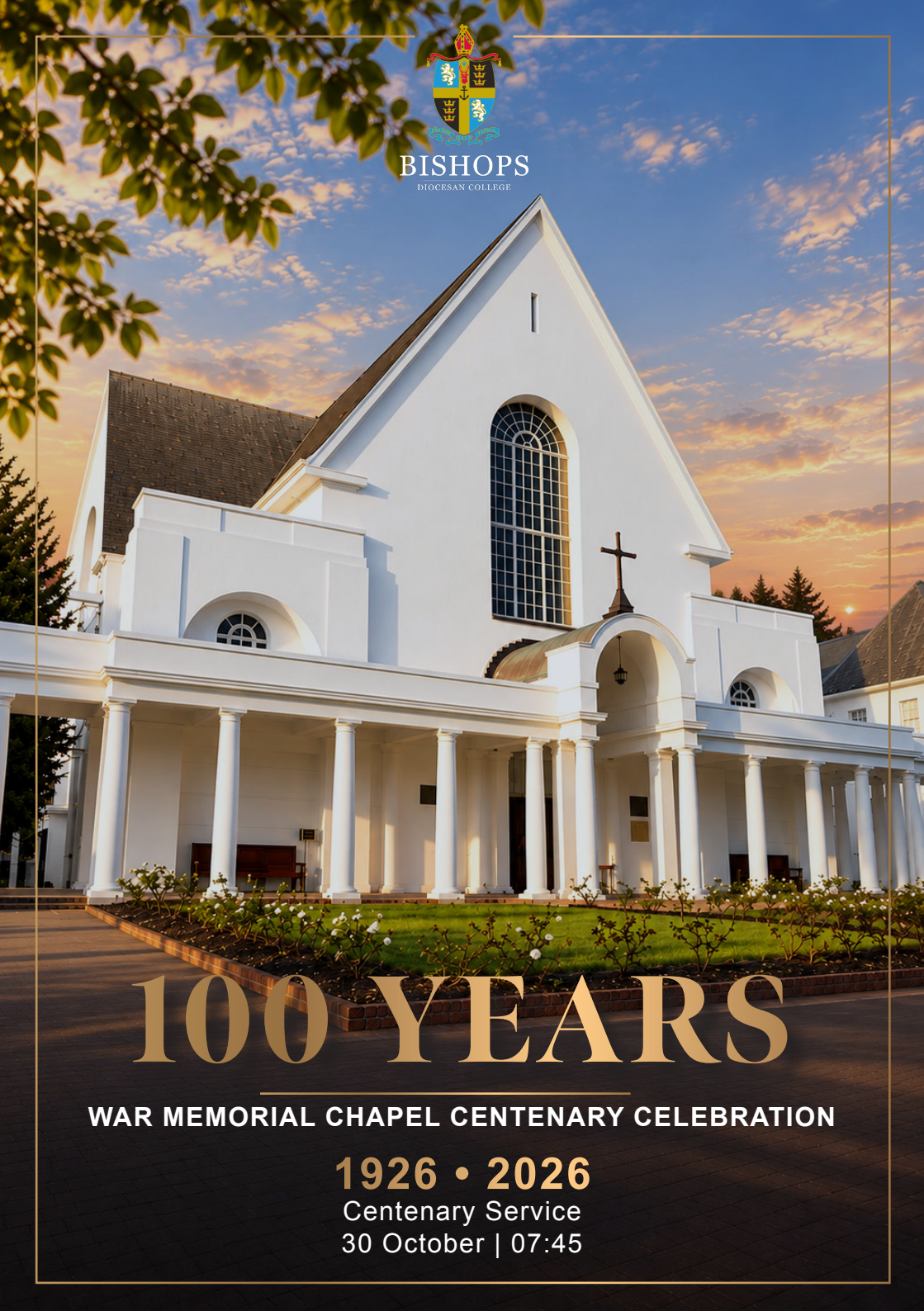

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WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL CENTENARY CELEBRATION
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Centenary Service
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WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL CENTENARY EUCHARIST
COMMISSIONED ANTHEM

In 2026, Bishops commissioned celebrated South African composer, Franco Prinsloo, to write an anthem commemorating the centenary of the War Memorial Chapel.

TE DEUM – We praise thee O God

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Amen.

THE TE DEUM
A BRIEF BACKGROUND IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION

The Te Deum (Te Deum laudamus, “We praise thee, O God”) is one of the oldest Christian hymns of praise, dating from the early centuries of the Church. In the Anglican tradition, it holds a significant place in Morning Prayer (Matins) and is also associated with occasions of thanksgiving, celebration and solemn commemoration. Its text unites the voices of the earthly Church with the worship of heaven, moving from the praise of all creation and the angels to the witness of the Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs, before affirming the Christian faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Its majestic, communal character makes it a powerful expression of unity, faith and the shared worship of the universal Church.

THE COMPOSER



Franco Prinsloo (1987-) is a South African composer, conductor, and choral artist based in Pretoria. Recognised as one of South Africa’s leading contemporary choral composers, his catalogue comprises over 900 works, including oratorios, sacred and secular choral music, art songs, instrumental works, and scores for film and television.
He has received various accolades and awards over the years for his compositions.

He is the founder and conductor of the highly acclaimed Vox Chamber Choir, a professional choir dedicated to performing and record his compositional works. He is the founder and Artistic Director of the Legato Choral Festival and Awards, and Chief Artistic Officer of the Franco Prinsloo Group of Companies. His music has been performed, commissioned and published internationally, with a range of performances across Europe, North and South America, Australia, Canada, Asia and Africa.

Prinsloo holds a Fellowship in Composition (FLCM) from the London College of Music, University of West London, and has received numerous awards and honours, including the 2024 South African Music Award (SAMA) for Best Classical Music Album of the Year, the ACT ImpACT Award for Young Professionals, and the Medal of Honour for Art from the Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns. In 2025, he was accepted as a Voting Member of the Recording Academy (The GRAMMYS®).

Alongside his work as a composer and conductor, Prinsloo is actively involved in practice-based artistic research, international commissions, and interdisciplinary collaborations, contributing to the advancement of contemporary musical scholarship and performance practice.

THE INTROIT
HYMN IN PROCESSION: The Church's One Foundation *BB 110 pg. 170*

The congregation stands during the procession and censing of the altar by the Archbishop

THE WELCOME
THE GATHERING RITE
The Archbishop greets the people

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise Him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his Name, now and for ever.

HYMN: To God Be The Glory *BB 120 pg. 179*

COLLECT FOR PURITY
Please remain standing. Let us pray:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Sung by the congregation

Nkosi, senzele inceba
Kristu, senzela inceba
Nkosi, senzela inceba

The Synaxist Continues

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
Let us call to mind and confess our sins:

Silence is kept

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your Name.

The Archbishop continues

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you; pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT
The Archbishop and the people pray together

Almighty God,
your Son has shown us how to love one another:
let our love for you overflow into joyful service
and be a healing witness to our neighbours;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The congregation sits

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
THE FIRST READING: Philippians 1:1-11

Silence follows, then the reader says

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God
PSALM 15 pg. 72: *Sung by all whilst standing*

The congregation stands to sing

GRADUAL HYMN: Holy, holy, holy *BB 42 pg. 119*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-6

Listen to the Good News proclaimed in the Gospel according to St Luke the Fourteenth Chapter beginning at the first verse.
Glory to Christ our Saviour

This is the Gospel of Christ
Praise to Christ our Lord

The congregation remains standing, as the Synaxist leads

THE BAPTISMAL CREED
I believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world.
I believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed humankind.
I believe and Trust in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.
I believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

THE SERMON OR HOMILY

THE PEACE

Listen to the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.'
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Peace be with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace

The congregation sits for an anthem commissioned for the 100th year War Memorial Chapel celebration. TE DEUM – We praise Thee, O God by Franco Prinsloo.

THE CELEBRATION AT THE LORD'S TABLE
OFFERTORY HYMN: Come people of the risen King *BB 25 pg. 107*

The Archbishop continues

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please remain standing

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the fruits of our labour offered in love; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

TAKING THE WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing

THE FIRST EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Archbishop continues

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and indeed our duty and joy, Lord and heavenly Father, God almighty and eternal, always and everywhere to give thanks through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord;

Because through him you have created everything from the beginning and formed us in your own image; through him you delivered us from the slavery of sin, when you gave him to be born as man, to die on the cross and to rise again for us;

Through him you claimed us as your own people when you enthroned him with you in heaven, and through him sent out your Holy Spirit, the giver of life;

And now we give you thanks because you call your Church to gather at this eucharistic feast, so that in our fellowship with your Son, one another, and the world, we may be renewed in love, joy, and peace.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we acclaim you and declare the greatness of your glory; we praise you now and for ever saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosana in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord
Hosanna in the highest

The Archbishop continues

Hear us, Father, through your Son Christ our Lord; through him accept our offering of thanks and praise, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine so that they may be to us his body and his blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take this and eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

So too after supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks he gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Sung by the congregation

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Holy Father, with these your gifts, we your people celebrate before you the one perfect sacrifice of Christ our Lord, his rising from the dead and his ascending into the glory of heaven.

Gracious Lord, accept us in him unworthy though we are, so that we who share in the body and blood of your Son may be made one with all your people of this and every age.

Grant that as we await the coming of Christ our Saviour in the glory and triumph of his kingdom, we may daily grow into his likeness; with whom, and in whom, and through whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour be given to you, almighty Father, by the whole company of earth and heaven, throughout all ages, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN: The Great Amen *BB 76 pg. 148*

THE LORD'S PRAYER
As Christ has taught us, each in our own language, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial;
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Archbishop continues

The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?
We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread

THE AGNUS DEI
Sung by the congregation

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

INVITATION
Kom nader en ontvang die liggaam van onse Here Jesus Christus wat Hy vir u gegee het en sy bloed wat Hy vir u gestort het. Nuttig Hom in u harte deur geloof met danksegging.

Organ voluntaries during communion

POST COMMUNION HYMN: The Lord's my Shepherd *BB 111 pg. 172*
The Archbishop continues

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.
Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in in our joyful celebration of the 100 years of the existence of The War Memorial Chapel, that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father almighty
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Send us out into the world
in the power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.

HYMN: Plea from Africa *BB 91 pg. 157*

The Archbishop invites the congregation to follow the procession as he goes to bless the statue of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Mpilo Tutu.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Praise My Soul *A&M 192 (sung during the procession to bless the statue)*

The Archbishop leads

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty everlasting God, who do not forbid us to carve or paint likenesses of your people in order that whenever we look at them with our bodily eyes we may call to mind their holy lives, and resolve to follow in their footsteps; may it please you to bless + and to hallow + this statue which has been made in memory and honour of Your servant, the late Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, and grant that all who in its presence pay devout homage to your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, may by His merits obtain your grace in this life and everlasting glory in the life to come; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Archbishop sprinkles Holy water and incenses the statue, and continues

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

May God who has fed you with sacred mysteries now make you watchful and keep you faithful, that when Christ comes in glory we may not be found in slumber, but active in Christ's service: And the blessing God Almighty, Father, on, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Chaplain dismisses the people

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

The following is an original prayer adapted for the Bishops community and the chapel centenary; based on Desmond Tutu's 1997 prayer opening the first Truth & Reconciliation Commission meeting.

God our Father, we come before you in gratitude as we mark one hundred years of this War Memorial Chapel. We remember all those whose lives have been shaped by war and conflict, and we give thanks for those who have worked for peace, justice and reconciliation. We thank you for the witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, whose faith, courage and compassion called people to speak truth, challenge injustice and recognise the dignity of every human being. Bless this school and all who learn, teach and worship here. May this chapel continue to be a place of prayer, remembrance and hope. Give us courage to seek what is right, humility to listen to one another, and grace to become instruments of your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A FEARLESS CONSCIENCE

An original trilingual tribute inspired by the Christian witness of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, based on the poem, Pryslied vir 'n Vreeslose Gewete (Praise Song for a Fearless Conscience).

English

We remember a voice that would not be silenced,
a faith that stood beside the broken,
and a courage that challenged injustice.
May we have the courage to speak truth,
the grace to seek reconciliation,
and the compassion to recognise one another as brothers and sisters.

Afrikaans

Ons onthou 'n stem wat nie stilgemaak kon word nie,
'n geloof wat langs die gebrokenes gestaan het,
en 'n moed wat onreg uitgedaag het.
Mag ons die moed hê om die waarheid te praat,
die genade om versoening te soek,
en die deernis om mekaar as broers en susters te erken.

isiXhosa

Sikhumbula ilizwi elingazange lithuliswe,
ukholo olwalumi kunye nabo babandezelekileyo,
nesibindi esasichasa ukungabikho kobulungisa.
Ngamana singaba nesibindi sokuthetha inyaniso,
sibe nobabalo lokufuna uxolelwaniso,
nemfesane yokubonana njengabazalwana noodade.

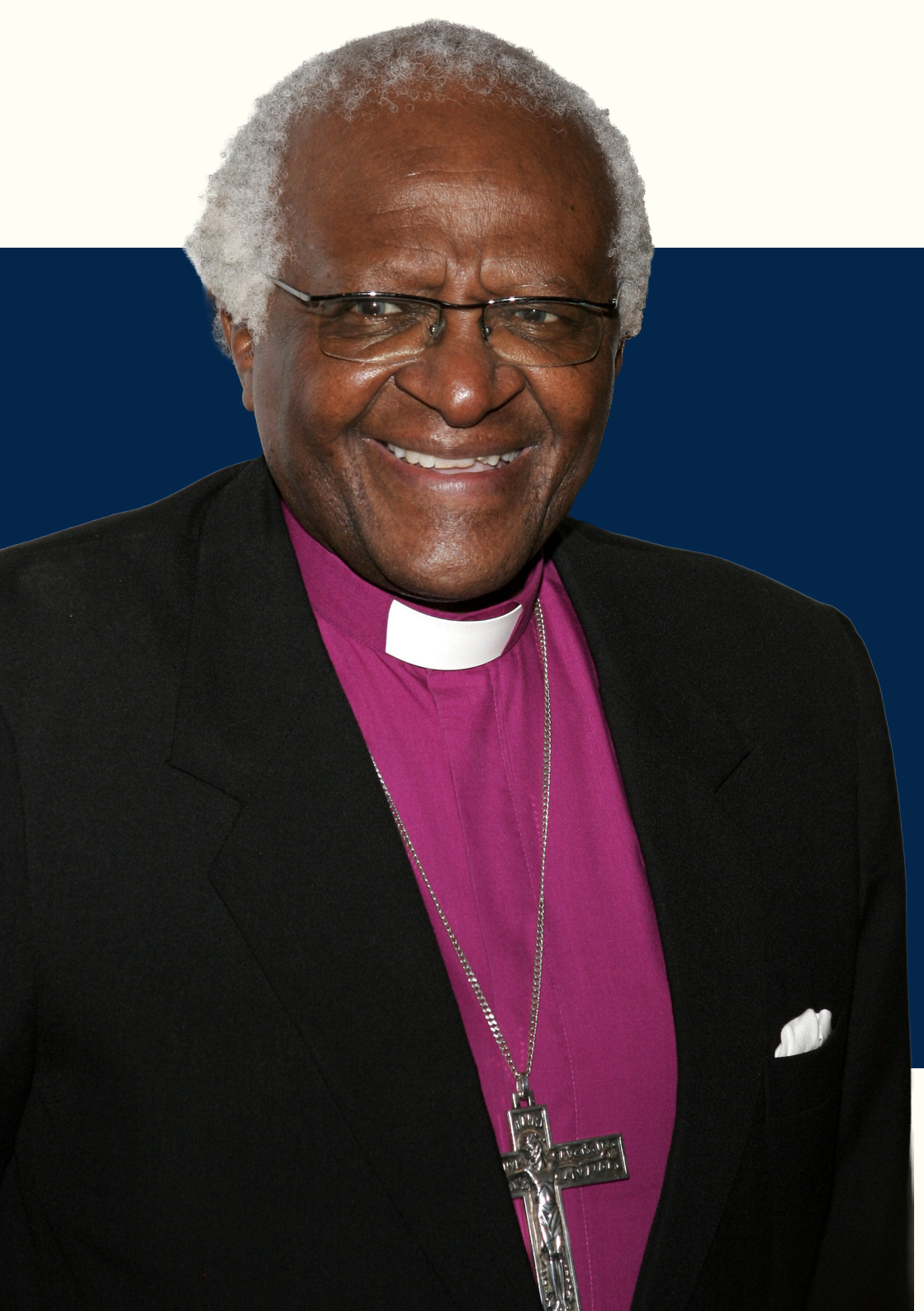
ANGLICAN CHURCH
SOUTHERN AFRICA

THE ORIGINS OF THE PROJECT

The idea of commemorating the centenary of the Bishops Memorial Chapel first emerged in 2023, during a discussion about the stained-glass window project planned in the Brooke Chapel for 2024, for the school's 175th celebrations. As that project unfolded, a small interest group - comprising Joc Wrensch, Paul Murray, Monwabisi Peter, Husain Essop, Tony Reeler and former parent and art specialist, Ashley Bestbier - began considering how the school might meaningfully honour the Memorial Chapel's 100-year legacy in 2026. Among the early conversations, a compelling proposal surfaced which was to commemorate and celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who as the Archbishop of Cape Town was also The Visitor to the College. As a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and moral compass for South Africa, Archbishop Tutu embodies many of the values that Bishops seeks to uphold - courage, compassion, justice and the dignity of every human being.

This initiative represents a thoughtful and fitting tribute to one of the most significant landmarks on the Bishops campus, ensuring that the Chapel's centenary is marked by a legacy that will inspire future generations for years to come.





THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE STATUTE

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND MPILO TUTU

Visitor: Bishops Diocesan College (1986-1996)

Created to mark the centenary of the War Memorial Chapel, the life-size statue of Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a powerful symbol of the values that have shaped Bishops or generations. More than a commemorative sculpture, it is a tribute to courage, compassion, justice and the enduring belief in the dignity of every human being.

Depicted in full episcopal robes, Archbishop Tutu strides purposefully towards the Chapel, with his hand outstretched in greeting. This gesture captures the essence of the values he embodied through both his spiritual calling and his profound warmth, humility and embrace of all humanity. Situated at the point where the sight-lines of the War Memorial Chapel and Brooke Chapel altars intersect, the statue occupies a place of profound significance.

Here faith, history and hope converge. As visitors pause before it, they are invited not only to reflect on the extraordinary contribution of one of South Africa's greatest moral leaders, but also on the values he championed throughout his life.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu was the first Archbishop of Cape Town to be elected by the electoral synod meeting in the War Memorial Chapel at Bishops, in April 1986. His successors, Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane and Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, were likewise elected here.

As a centenary tribute, the statue is far more than a work of art. It is a legacy project, shaped by the hands of master sculptor André Prinsloo and brought to life by Alan Schnider, Chris Daniels and their team at the Crucible Fine Art Foundry. It stands as a lasting reminder that leadership is rooted in service, reconciliation requires courage, and every generation bears a responsibility to pursue justice, peace and human dignity.

The sculpture was kindly donated by Niall Brown (OD 1973G).



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