

A CELEBRATION
of
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
January 18, 2025

EVENSONG

Prelude *Hymn to Freedom* by Oscar Peterson
Written in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*The Cathedral is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.
Congregational candles are passed out with the worship booklet.
All are welcomed & invited to stand.*

Welcome The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse

Call to Worship

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; **only light can do that.**
Hate cannot drive out hate; **only love can do that.**
Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Collect for Light

Let us pray.

Our loving Father, from Thy hand have come all the days of the past. To Thee we look for whatever good the future holds. We are not satisfied with the world as we have found it. It is too little the kingdom of God as yet. Grant us the privilege of being a part in its regeneration. We are looking for a new earth in which dwells righteousness. It is our prayer that we may be children of light, the kind of people for whose coming and ministry the world is waiting. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From a Collection of Prayers of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Candle Lighting

*An acolyte lights the altar lights and light is passed to the congregation.
Once the church is filled with light, the gathering hymn is sung and
the ministers process through the Cathedral to their places.*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and
my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
whom shall I fear? In the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me, O in the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me, in the time of trou - ble,
He shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

Section: Praise to God
Title: The Lord Is My Light
Words: Lillian Bouknight
Music: Lillian Bouknight; ar. Paul Gainer
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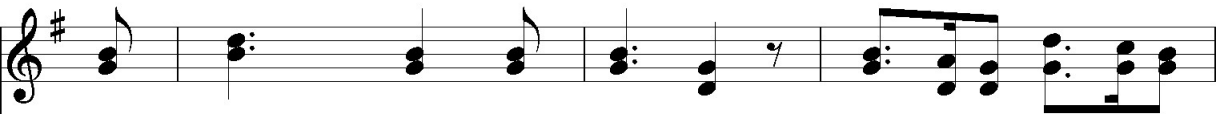
1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
 2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
 4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,

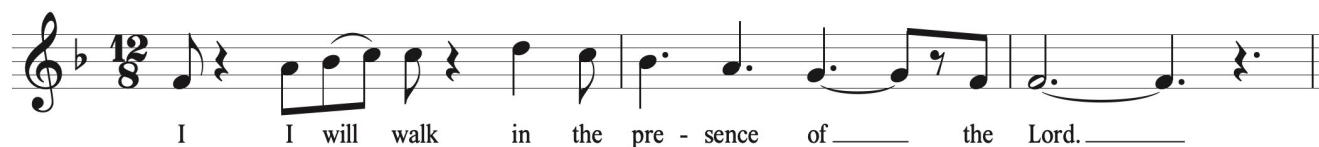


The beau - ti - ful cit - y— of God.—

Section: Advent
 Title: We're Marching to Zion
 Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
 Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826–1899)

*Congregational candles are extinguished.
 The ministers and congregation are seated for the Psalm.*

The antiphon will be played first then sung by the choir. After that, the antiphon will be repeated and the congregation is invited to join in on the repetition and all subsequent repetitions of the antiphon. The choir will sing the verses.



I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Antiphon

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

Antiphon

The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.

Antiphon

For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

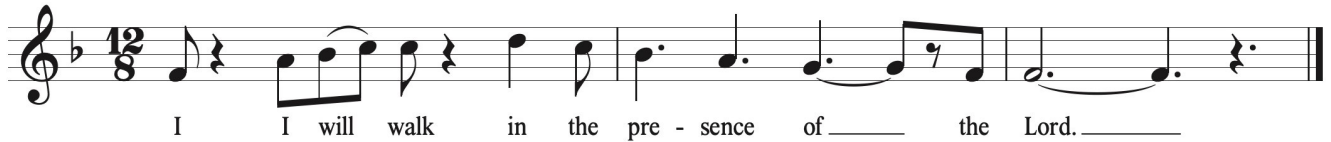
I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

Antiphon

I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low." *
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

Antiphon



I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

Antiphon

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

Antiphon

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
And call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Meditation The St. Augustine's Liturgical Dancers
Dancing to *Onward, Christian Soldiers*, sung by Mahalia Jackson

A Lesson

Luke 6:27-36

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Here ends the Lesson.

Canticle *The Song of Mary*

The antiphon will be played first then sung by the choir. After that, the antiphon will be repeated and the congregation is invited to join in on the repetition and all subsequent repetitions of the antiphon. The choir will sing the verses.



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

Antiphon

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

Antiphon

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their Thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

Antiphon

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Antiphon

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

A Lesson *Loving your enemies*

From a sermon of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“I’ve said to you on many occasions that each of us is something of a schizophrenic personality. We’re split up and divided against ourselves. And there is something of a civil war going on within all of our lives. There is a recalcitrant South of our soul revolting against the North of our soul. And there is this continual struggle within the very structure of every individual life. There is something within all of us that causes us to cry out with Ovid, the Latin poet, ‘I see and approve the better things of life, but the evil things I do.’ There is something within all of us that causes us to cry out with Plato that the human personality is like a charioteer with two headstrong horses, each wanting to go in different directions. There is something within each of us that causes us to cry out with Goethe, ‘There is enough stuff in me to make both a gentleman and a rogue.’ There is something within each of us that causes us to cry out with Apostle Paul: ‘I see and approve the better things of life, but the evil things I do.’

“So somehow the ‘isness’ of our present nature is out of harmony with the eternal ‘oughtness’ that forever confronts us. And this simply means this: That within the best of us, there is some evil, and within the worst of us, there is some good. When we come to see this, we take a different attitude toward individuals. The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it. And when you come to the point that you look in the face of every man and see deep down within him what religion calls ‘the image of God,’ you begin to love him in spite of. No matter what he does, you see God’s image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never slough off. Discover the element of good in your enemy. And as you seek to hate him, find the center of goodness and place your attention there and you will take a new attitude.”

Here ends the Lesson.

Hymn *Lift every voice and sing*

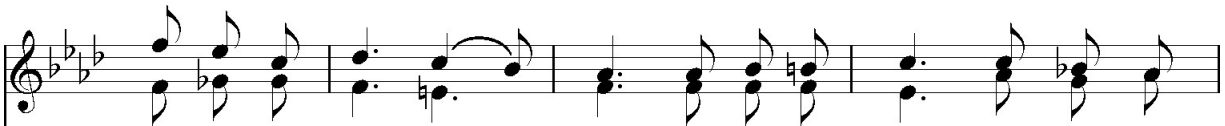
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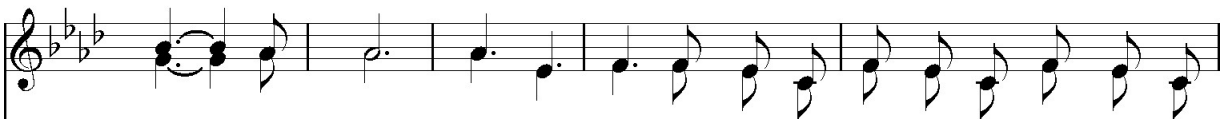
1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -
 brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for
 day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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The Sermon

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry

Anthem *We've come this far by faith*

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The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

A Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Compiled and edited by Canon Dr. Chas Cheatham

Leader Everyone can be great because anybody can serve.

Side 1 You don't have to have a college degree to serve.

Side 2 You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.

Side 1 You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve.

Side 2 You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve.

All You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Leader When I speak of love, I am not speaking of some sentimental weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door, which leads to ultimate reality.

All We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive.

Side 1 One who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love.

Side 2 There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us.

All When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

Leader Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

All When evil folks plot, good folks plan.

Side 1 When evil folks burn and bomb, good folks must build and bind.

Side 2 When evil folks shout ugly words of hatred,
good folks must commit themselves to glories of love.

All Where evil folks would seek to perpetuate an unjust status quo,
good folks must seek to bring into being a real order of justice.

Leader This is judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?

Side 1 Love yourself, if that means rational, healthy, and moral self-interest.
You are commanded to do that. That is the length of life.

Side 2 Love your neighbor as you love yourself.
You are commanded to do that. This is the breath of life.

All But never forget that there is a first and even greater commandment,
"Love the Lord your God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind." This
is the height of life. And when you do this, you live the complete life. Only God
is able. It is the faith of God that we must rediscover.

Leader And God's people said, "AMEN!"

All "AMEN! AMEN!"

The Collects

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty, everlasting God, let our prayer in your sight be as incense, the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice. Give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

This little light of mine

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1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).

2. Everywhere I go... 3. All through the night...

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