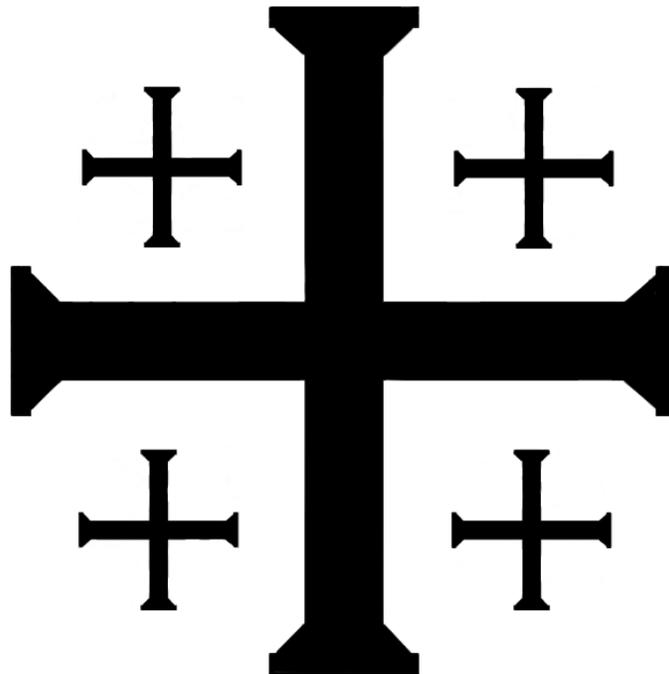


MORNING PRAYER

Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of
The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Sermon at Washington National Cathedral on March 31, 1968



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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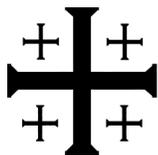
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



On the evening of April 4, 1968, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. He was 39 years old. Only days earlier, on March 31st, Dr. King preached some of his most memorable words during his final Sunday sermon, *Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution*, in the Cathedral's Canterbury Pulpit.

The Very Reverend Francis B. Sayer, Jr., Dean of Washington Cathedral at the time, expressed his pleasure that the Nobel Peace Prize-winning minister would preach: "Dr. King is coming here to hold up the poor of America to the conscience of Christians... I welcome the fact that Dr. King, almost alone among the many leaders, still places hope in that conscience rather than in violence..."

Our worship today commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of that sermon using a recently discovered video of Dr. King's message. The Morning Prayer service from that March 31st Passion Sunday liturgy has been recreated as outlined in the 1928 version of *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) which was authorized for use until the revision of the BCP in 1979. In addition to the original prayers and hymns, the liturgy has been enhanced to include some of Dr. King's favorite hymns and spirituals.



The Order for Morning Prayer

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The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Deep River from Spirituals for Carillon

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child

We shall overcome

Lift every voice and sing

Richmond; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

arr. Edward Thompson (b. 1950)

arr. Edward Thompson

arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Lift Every Voice; arr. Edward M. Nassor

ORGAN PRELUDE

What a friend we have in Jesus

William Bolcom (b. 1938)

WELCOME

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

INTROIT

There is a balm in Gilead

William Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say "He died for all."

(Negro spiritual)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Once to ev'ry man and nation

Ton-y-botel



1. Once to ev - 'ry man and na - tion comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, when we share her wretch-ed crust,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs Je - sus' bleed-ing feet I track,
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;



in the strife of truth with false-hood, for the good or e - vil side;
ere her cause bring fame and pro - fit and 'tis pros-p'rous to be just;
toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er with the cross that turns not back;
though her por - tion be the scaf - fold, and up - on the throne be wrong,



some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah, of - f'ring each the bloom or blight,
then it is the brave man choos - es, while the cow - ard stands a - side
new oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, time makes an - cient good un - couth;
yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, and, be - hind the dim un - known,



and the choice goes by for ev - er 'twixt that dark - ness and that light.
till the mul - ti - tude take vir - tue of the faith they had de - nied.
they must up - ward still and on - ward who would keep a - breast of truth.
stand - eth God with - in the shad - ow keep - ing watch a - bove his own.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (*Psalms 118:24*)

The LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. (*Habakkuk 2:20*)

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the LORD. (*Psalms 122:1*)

A GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to
have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The officiant pronounces God's forgiveness and the people respond Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE PRECES

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**
world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Sung by the choir.

chant: Edward F. Rimbault (1816-1876)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it;
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the peoples with his truth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.

The people are seated.

PSALM 77:11-20

Said responsively by whole verse.

I will remember the works of the LORD,
and call to mind thy wonders of old time.
I will think also of all thy works,
and my talking shall be of thy doings.
Thy way, O God, is holy:
who is so great a God as our God?
Thou art the God that doest wonders,
and hast declared thy power among the peoples.
Thou hast mightily delivered thy people,
even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee,
and were afraid;
the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered,
and thine arrows went abroad.
The voice of thy thunder was heard round about:
the lightnings shone upon the ground;
the earth was moved, and shook withal.
Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters,
and thy footsteps are not known.
Thou leddest thy people like sheep,
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:7-12

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Here endeth the first lesson.

ANTHEM

Listen to the Lambs

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

Listen to the lambs! All a-crying!

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:27-36

Jesus said, "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 endeth the second lesson.

ANTHEM

Light, Love, Life

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

Light, Love, Life. God is light, not darkness. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Love is no love that asks for a return. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. God is the essence of life, pure and undefiled consciousness. Whatever your life's work is, do it well.

O God of eternal light, lover of true concord, and the source of our very being: Shine through us by the continuous merits of our actions, show forth your loving-kindness in us with the sweet harmony of justice and peace, and by your heavenly grace, guide our lives that we may fulfill the good works you have called us to do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, the supreme sacrifice of Love, and through whom we are given eternal Life. Amen.

(Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gary Davison)

The people stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary:
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead:
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost:
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints:
The Forgiveness of sins:
The Resurrection of the body:
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.
 O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
People **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The people are seated.

THE SERMON

Recording of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

If I can help somebody

Alma Bazel Androzzo (1912-2001)

The people stand.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to Donald and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go down, Moses

arr. Michael Tippett (1905-1998)

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land;
When Israel was in Egypt land,
let my people go.
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.
"Thus spake the Lord," bold Moses said,
let my people go.
"If not, I'll smite your first-born dead."
let my people go.

(Negro spiritual)

The people stand.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men;
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all, for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Almighty God, who by the hand of Moses thy servant didst lead thy people out of slavery, and didst make them free at last: Grant that thy Church, following the example of thy prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of thy love, and may strive to secure for all thy children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The officiant blesses the people; the people respond Amen.

HYMN

Precious Lord, take my hand

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my life
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the day

I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me
is al-most gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my
is past and gone; at the riv-er I stand, guide my

on to the light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand, lest I fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
feet, hold my hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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