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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Tyler, St. Albans School '26 & Layla National Cathedral School '26

MUSIC INTERLUDE

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Canon Leonard Hamlin, Sr.

CANON MISSIONER AND MINISTER OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

READING

Isaiah 58: 9-12 Marigold and Nathaniel, Third Grade, Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School

SECOND READING INTRODUCTION Rustin, St. Albans School '22

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Remaining Awake During a Revolution **The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Excerpts, March 31, 1968 Washington National Cathedral Footage courtesy of NBC Archives

INTRODUCTION Aleeza, National Cathedral School '24

HOMILY Ms. Yolanda Renee King GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MUSIC INTERLUDE

BLESSING & DISMISSAL The Rev. Canon Leonard Hamlin, Sr.

POSTLUDE

Yolanda Renee King



Born on May 25, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia to her parents, Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King, Yolanda Renee King is the sole grandchild of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. She was named in honor of her aunt, Yolanda Denise King, who died a

little more than a year before she was born.

As Yolanda Renee enters her teenage years, she has already earned the respect and admiration of her generation for her outspoken activism in support of the ongoing work to fulfill the great dream her grandfather shared with America.

She has passionately addressed mass gatherings in in protests against gun violence, homelessness and inhumane treatment of refugees seeking asylum on the U.S. southern border. When she met with President Obama in the oval office, Yolanda Renee asked him, "Mr. President, what are you going to do about all of these guns?"

Although both of her parents are energetic social reform activists, they have encouraged her to follow her heart in choosing a career, while being a caring and compassionate person. Yolanda Renee has chosen to become a life-long human rights activist in her own right, while leaving open options for pursuing her own career and interests.

In a recent interview, Yolanda Renee noted that she had a dream in which her grandfather appeared. When asked how she interpreted the purpose of her dream, she responded "to remember that he is always with me."







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