



Celtic Evensong and Communion

Epiphany II: Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

19 January 2025 4:00 pm

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.
Please remember to silence all devices*

*Every Monday evening, Iona's worship service focuses on our part in the injustices of the world.
We believe God's mercy can change situations and people, and so we come to be changed,
so that we can go out and enact change in the world.
Information about our music today is found on the last page*

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

There is a balm in Gilead

Welcome

Opening Meditation

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.
Hate multiplies hate,
violence multiplies violence,
and toughness multiplies toughness
in a descending spiral of destruction....
The chain reaction of evil --
hate begetting hate,
wars producing more wars --
must be broken,
or we shall be plunged
into the dark abyss of annihilation.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Strength To Love, 1963

The Invitatory and Psalm

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Glory to the Holy Trinity,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*



O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life-giving Lord;
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

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.

The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

Eamonn an Chnoic

The Second Reading

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us,
People Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Eric Wagner

Music after the Reflection

Skibbereen

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader In the midst of hunger and war
People **we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**

Leader In the midst of oppression and tyranny
People **we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**

Leader In the midst of doubt and despair
People **we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**

Leader In the midst of fear and betrayal
People **we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.**

Leader In the midst of hatred and death
People **we celebrate the promise of love and life.**

Leader In the midst of sin and decay
People **we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**

Leader In the midst of death on every side
People **we celebrate the promise of the living Christ everywhere.**

Leader Let us now hold before God our neighbors who are in need, sickness,
danger or despair.
Here, the people may add particular intercession and thanksgivings.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 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. - From *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints Church Publishing*

A Collect for Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Leader Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness. From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

Music during Prayers

Foggy Dew

Hymn #583 in The Hymnal 1982

O holy city seen of John

The Grace Giver of life and author of love: Be present at this hour as we pause to rest in your love. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

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

It is our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of

Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing "Glory" and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit's love and a woman's body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth's darkest places.

We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

People "Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

Celebrant After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:

People "This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant O God, who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these material things of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world. We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion

Concluding Prayer

All God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. **Amen.**

Blessing May this new night of rest repair the wear of time, restore your vision of a deeper light, heal the wounds of disappointments, and restore youth of heart for the adventure that awaits you tomorrow. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant May the Lord grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Musical Meditation

Boollavogue

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	<i>Officiant</i>
Ryan, Patten, Debbie Phillips, Eric Wagner	<i>Musicians</i>
Paul Massari	<i>Assisting</i>
Eric Wagner	<i>Reflection</i>
Marianne Cannon	<i>Intercessor</i>
Katie Scott	<i>Usher</i>

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Parish Prayer List

Nancy and Christine, John and Marianne, Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott,, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons and Family, Steve, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the victims of fires and the first responders, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, for Ukraine and Haiti; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Mary Florence Barnes, in whose loving memory the flowers are given, for those who fight for justice, not just in words but in action, for this community of faith, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have prayer requests, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

One Action to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Grace Church Knitters/Crocheters,

On MLK day (tomorrow), the Salem Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "crafting for community" event. The event was brought to my attention by a customer at our Cookie Walk, though we were only able to have a very brief conversation about it. I did some Googling this afternoon and was able to find more info. Here is a link: <http://www.salem-chamber.com/events/details/crafting-for-community-21676>

Basically, the goal of the event is "to come together as a community, craft cold-weather items for those in need, and discuss local efforts towards service and social justice." The event is free of charge. The Cookie Walk customer suggested that we could bring our own projects and that it would be an opportunity to talk up our own social service project - - knitting hats for Salem School children. The event takes place on January 20 from noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Community Life Center at 401 Bridge St.. Would anyone else be interested in joining us? This might be a nice way to spend Inauguration Day, which is also January 20.

Peggy

Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Leader and Martyr, 1968



Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta. As the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, he was steeped in the Black Church tradition. To this heritage he added a thorough academic preparation, earning the degrees of B.A., B.D., and Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University. In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama. There, Black indignation at inhumane treatment on segregated buses culminated in December, 1955, in the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. King was catapulted into national prominence as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. He became increasingly the articulate prophet, who could not only rally the Black masses, but could also move the consciences of Whites. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to spearhead non-violent mass demonstrations against racism. Many confrontations followed, most notably in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, and in Chicago. King's campaigns were instrumental to the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965 and 1968. King then turned his attention to economic empowerment of the poor and opposition to the Vietnam War, contending that racism, poverty and militarism were interrelated. King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in

his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, "Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice," and promising never to leave him alone—"No, never alone." King refers to his vision as his "Mountaintop Experience." After preaching at Washington Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King went to Memphis in support of sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages. There, he proclaimed that he had been "to the mountain-top" and had seen "the Promised Land," and that he knew that one day he and his people would be "free at last." On the following day, April 4, he was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

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 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.

- From *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints* Church Publishing

Books That Help Talking about Race and Racism with Children

Below are some children's books compiled by The Center of the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary discussing race and racism.

I Have A Dream (ages 7 and up) *Martin Luther King Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson* This is the text of King's speech, given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, August 28th, 1963. Beautifully bold paintings by Kadir Nelson bring the reader onto the steps with King..

Gordon Parks: How The Photographer captured Black and White America (ages 6-10) *Carole Boston Weatherford & Jamey Christoph*

This book follows the life of Gordon Parks, famous for being the first black film director. The pictures and story captured in this book really show how he captured life where people were treated different because of the color of their skin via photography.

White Flour (ages 8-12) *David LaMotte*

"Inspired by true events in May of 2007, *White Flour* tells a story of humor conquering hatred. This was the day that the Ku Klux Klan met the Coup Clutz Clowns. It is an instructive and inspiring tale of a Third Way, illustrating that there are more creative responses to hatred and bigotry than fight or flight, and doing so in Seussian rhyme."

Christian formation lesson plans and video available: whiteflourbook.com

God's Dream (ages 3-7) *By Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

This book discusses unity and forgiveness and reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters.

The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights (ages 8-12) *Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Tim Ladwig*

In this book, using free-form poetry, Weatherford connects Jesus' powerful sermon (found along the bottom of each page) with the experiences of African-Americans: from the earliest instances of slavery through the Civil Rights Era and today.

The Judgmental Flower (ages 4-8) *By: Julia Cook*

Using flowers, this book discusses differences and helps us to learn how to value differences by exploring how we might feel when excluded and how we should treat one another.

Giraffes Can't Dance (ages 3-7) *By: Giles Andreae*

A story about not judging a book by its cover. Themes of being different, accepting others, and celebrating gifts.

Strictly No Elephants (ages 6-8) *By: Lisa Mantchev*

This book displays the importance of friendship despite differences, when his pet elephant isn't allowed into the local pet club.

The Crayon Box that Talked (ages 3-7) *By: Shane DeRolf (Anti-Discrimination)*

This book is an illustration about not getting along and being different and how to accept one another by using crayons who live in a same box.

About Our Music This Evening

“There is a balm in Gilead” Few chapters in the Bible may have resonated with the souls of enslaved Africans in North America as Jeremiah 8 did. Israel was in exile. The Babylonians were preparing to violate their holy places for treasure, dishonoring their dead. This is a chapter of judgment and hopelessness. The exiled Jews are forced to live in a “far country” (Jeremiah 8:19). They wondered what they had done to deserve this. It is the most desperate and despondent time in Israel’s history. Then the chapter ends with these three rhetorical questions: “Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?” (Jeremiah 8:22, KJV) The refrain of this spiritual offers encouragement and dares to respond with hope in the face of hopelessness, showing courage in the face of despair. African American theologian Howard Thurman (1899-1981) discusses the refrain of this spiritual: “The slave caught the mood of this spiritual dilemma and with it did an amazing thing. He straightened the question mark in Jeremiah’s sentence into an exclamation point: ‘There is a balm in Gilead!’ This note of “creative triumph” in the face of despair is the reason this spiritual holds a secure place in the canon of African American spirituals in hymnals today.

“Eamonn an Chnoic” about Edmund O’Ryan, an Irish aristocrat who lived in County Tipperary from 1670–1724 and led a rapparee gang. The background to Ryan's career was the confiscation of Irish Catholic land in the Act of Settlement 1652 after the Cromwellian conquest of Ireland when many dispossessed landowners became outlaws, known as "tories" or "rapparees". It is said that Ryan became a rapparee after shooting a tax collector dead during a quarrel over the confiscation of a poor woman's cow. Various other stories are told in which Ó Riain plays the role of the rebel hero who battles authority in the mode of Robin Hood and countless others.

“Skibbereen”, is an Irish folk song, in the form of a dialogue wherein a father tells his son about the Irish famine, being evicted from their home, and the need to flee as a result of the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848.

“The Foggy Dew” was written by Canon Charles O’Neill (1887-1963), a parish priest of Kilcoo and later Newcastle, County Down, sometime after 1919. This song chronicles the Easter Uprising of 1916, and encourages Irishmen to fight for the cause of Ireland, rather than for the British, as so many young men were doing in World War I. Two verses from the song follow:

As down the glen one Easter morn to a city fair rode I
There Armed lines of marching men in squadrons passed me by
No pipe did hum, no battle drum did sound its loud tattoo
But the Angelus Bell o'er the Liffey's swell rang out in the foggy dew

As back through the glen I rode again and my heart with grief was sore
For I parted then with valiant men whom I never shall see more
But to and fro in my dreams I go and I kneel and pray for you,
For slavery fled, O glorious dead, when you fell in the foggy dew.

“BooLavogue” covers the victories of Father John Murphy of the village of BooLavogue in County Wexford as he led his parishioners in routing the Camolin Cavalry on 26 May 1798, to defeat the British at Oulart Hill, as well as at Enniscorthy. The Wexford insurgents fought bravely against professional troops, and were eventually defeated at the Battle of Vinegar Hill on 21 June. Father Murphy and the other leaders were hanged. Father Murphy was a priest who at first tried to persuade people not to take part in the rebellion. He changed his opinion and became a reluctant rebel leader after soldiers burned down the homes of his parishioners whom they suspected of rebellion.

Please join us for a special evening celebration



MEET THE ARTIST BEHIND OUR NEW INSTALLATION

“HEAVENLY LIGHT.”

IN THE LADY CHAPEL, .
JUST AFTER THE 4PM CELTIC SERVICE.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
5-7pm

Chili Cook-Off January 26 at 5:00 pm

All are invited to this event as we get to know each other better over cups of chili. Winner gets bragging rights.



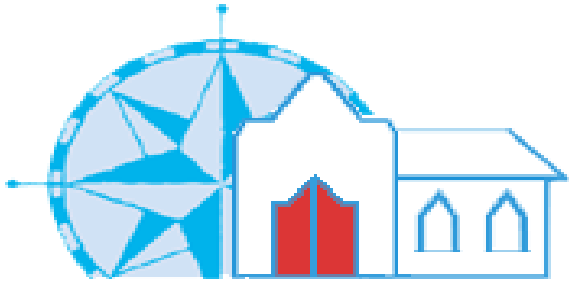
Chili Cook-Off and Get Together

Sponsored by the
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Sunday 26 January
5:00 pm

All are welcome to enter
or simply to enjoy!

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