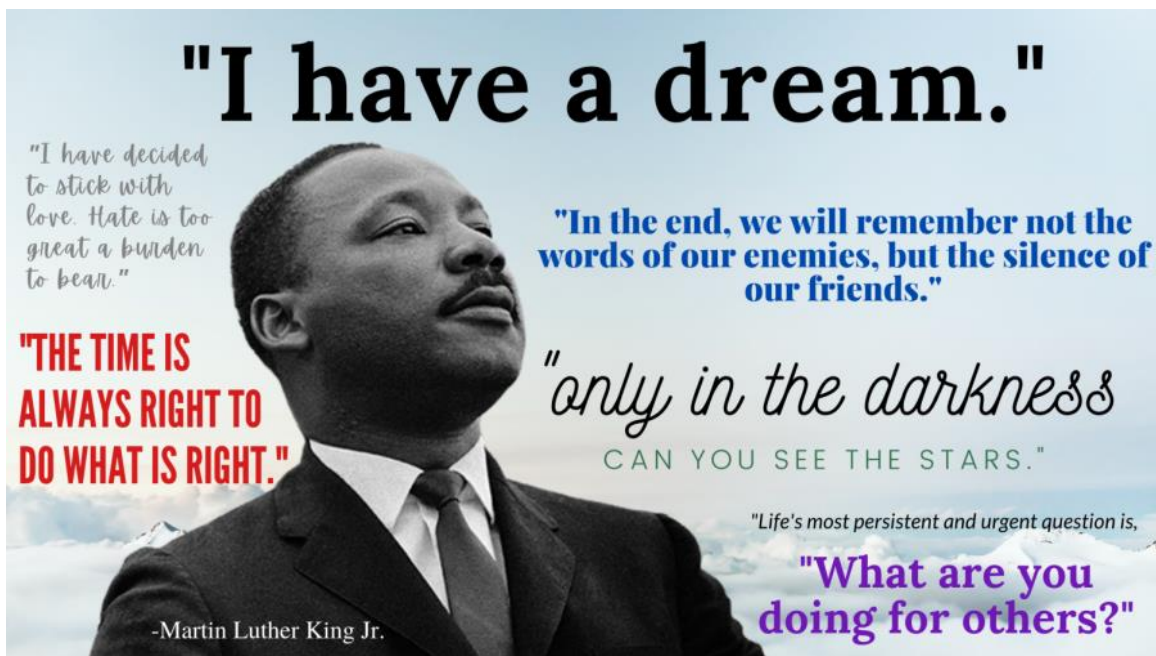


Welcome
to
Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
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Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 19, 2025



We are an emergent church practicing
an ancient faith in new ways; a church of inclusivity
where **ALL WE ARE WELCOME!**

+Peter

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP
(a Liturgical Aid to today's Mass)
January 19, 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!
It's such amazing love for me!
It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!
It's such amazing love for me!

2. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!
It's such amazing love for me!
It's such amazing grace! It's such amazing mercy!
It's such amazing love for me!

3. When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

It's such amazing love.....

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound....

Greeting

*Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. ALL: A-MEN.*

*Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God ;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Invitation: Celebrant: Gathered together as one people the body
of Christ, let us give glory to God.*

GLORIA:

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to all people on earth.**

**1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer. (Refrain)**

**3. For You alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory
of God the Father. Amen! Amen! (Refrain)**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

please be seated

First Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

Psalm Response:

"SPEAK, LORD. I LOVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE.
SEE, LORD. HERE I AM."

Second Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (12:4-11)

Gospel Acclamation

please stand

Alleluia, The Gospel

**In the beginning was the Word of God
and the Word was with God and was God..**

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us
and we beheld His Glory.**

**Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.
Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.**

The Gospel Reading

**Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John ((John 2:1-11)**

All: Glory to you, Lord.

*The gospel is read. When the reading is over:
Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

A LITANY OF COMMEMORATION

We are pleased to share this Litany that is read in many churches on the Birthday Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Thus said, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"LET MY PEOPLE GO"

**Leader: Our Lord God wisely
has chosen men and women to serve as
His channels. Martin Luther King, Jr.
was Gods channel, who we now
commemorate. We are thankful for the life
of this 20th century prophet of freedom,
who joined the prophets of history in the cry:**

Congregation: In the name of freedom, let my people go.

**Leader: Martin Luther King, Jr.
envisioned the ultimate freedom:
the freedom achieved in struggle;
the freedom reached in brotherhood;
the freedom fired by the dream of a man;
the freedom inspired by the lot of a people;
the freedom free of hate; the freedom full of love.**

Congregation: In the name of justice, let my people go.

**Leader: And so he set off with us
on a journey for justice. It was a
journey proclaiming the words
of the ancient prophet Amos: "Let
justice roll down like waters;
and righteousness like a mighty stream."**

**It was a journey calling forth
the modern Christian ministry ---
to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed.**

**Congregation: In the name of the prophet Amos,
and in the name of suffering people, let my people go.**

**Leader: So we are thankful
that the Spirit of the Lord anointed a man
who preached good news to the poor
who rejected segregation and
embraced liberation, who prophesied
greatness of his people in
struggle for the deliverance of all people.**

**Congregation: In the name of the Spirit of the Lord,
let my people go.**

**Leader: We praise the Lord God
for sending us a man of peace.
Thank You, Lord, for Martin Luther King, Jr.,
who inspired us with his dream.
Thank you for this noble legacy
to continue the journey to that land
here on earth, in life for all people.
Thank You, God, for You have sent
us one who now causes us to say:**

**All: In the name of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Let my people go.**

Sign Of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Song for the Preparation of the gifts: : NOW IS THE TIME

Refrain

Come to us, you who say, "I will not forget you."

Be with us, you who say, "Do not be afraid."

**Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds,
our whole being.**

Make us your own, now is the time.

1. Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred.

Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.

Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.

Make us your own, now is the time.

Refrain

2. Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger.

Spirit of life, break the chains of death.

Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.

Make us your own, now is the time.

Refrain

3. Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting.

Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.

Spirit of God, walk among your people.

Make us your own, now is the time.

Refrain

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS,
FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF GOD'S NAME, FOR OUR
GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL GOD'S CHURCH.

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue Preface

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

Introductory Dialogue

Preface

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND
EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND
FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN
MEMORY OF ME."**

The Memorial Acclamation

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.
Lord, Jesus, we're waiting for you to come in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion Song HERE AT THIS TABLE

Refrain

**Come and be filled here at this table.
Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst.
Drink of his love, wine of salvation.
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**1. You who labor for justice,
you who labor for peace,
you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord,**

Refrain

**2. You with lives full of pain,
you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!**

Refrain

3. Children of ev'ry color in ev'ry land,
you are his own, he gathers you gently.
Don't you grow weary,
for when you run, you run with the Lord!

Refrain

4. You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,
may the wisdom you share form our lives and our world!

Refrain

5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger;
we're not so diff'rent and so much unites us.
For we are one, blest with the Spirit
and the power of love!

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation:

Dismissal

Closing Song: A MEDLEY for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We shall overcome, We shall overcome.

We shall overcome someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

We shall overcome, some day.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (REPEAT)

My country 'tis of thee,

sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride.

From every mountain side let freedom ring!