

Christ Episcopal Church

CELTIC WORSHIP

January 20, 2019

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m.

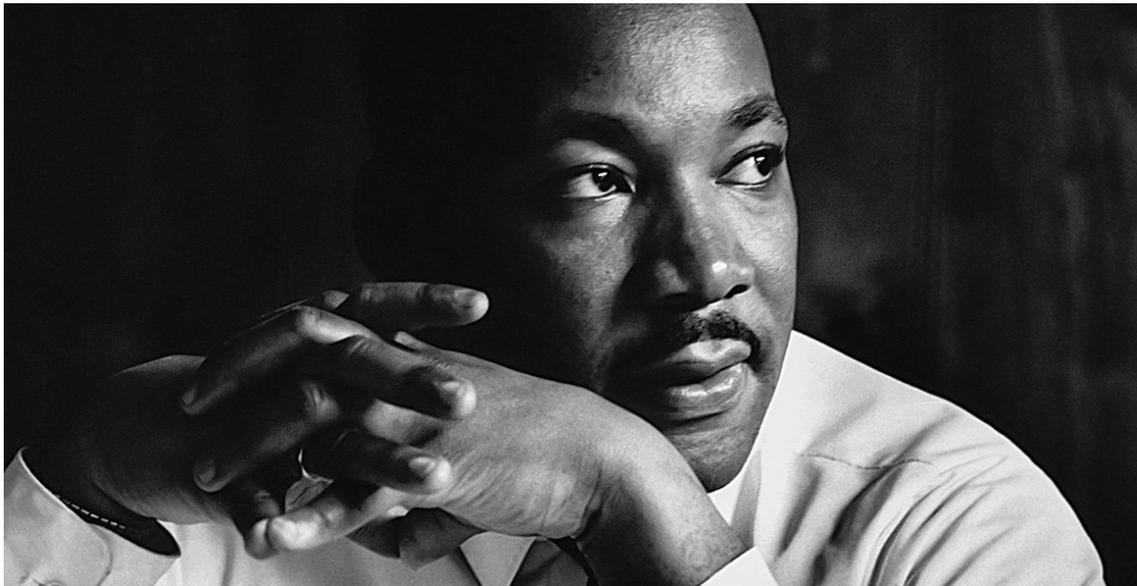
In Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Disciples making Disciples for Jesus Christ:
By Encountering God, Equipping God's People,
and Extending God's Kingdom**



WELCOME GUESTS!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.



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Please observe a period of silence to center yourself before worship.

ORGAN: "Jacob's Ladder" (Slave Songs from the United States) Neely Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP *begun by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl, standing*

Leader In the name of God the All-seeing;
In the name of Heaven's Son;
In the name of the eagle-eyed Spirit;
In the name of the Three-In-One.

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.

All Amen.

Leader The saints shall advance from one virtue to another:

All The God of gods shall be seen among us.

Leader We shall be changed from glory to glory:

All The God of gods shall be seen among us.

Leader The fire of God shall purge the wastelands:

All The God of gods shall be seen among us.

Leader Destroyers and demons will have to flee:

All The God of gods shall be seen among us.

Leader The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God:

All The God of gods shall be seen among us.

Silence.

(Celtic Worship Through the Year, pg. 145)

PREPARATION HYMN:

“Spirit of the Living God”

Daniel Iverson

Sung by all, standing

Stanza 1:

The musical score for Stanza 1 consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The first system has a yellow highlight under the notes for "Liv - ing God".

Stanza 2:

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, Fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.

THE PRAYER FOR EVENING

Leader The world is not dead:
All **It is sleeping.**
Leader Its life draws in:
All **It is keeping.**
Leader The earth is gathering energy:
All **For a new burst of life.**
Leader We breathe in the mystic air:
All **That we may breathe out care.**
Leader Your presence supports us through the night:
All **So we can hail the coming source of Light.**
Leader Shine through the mists, the deadening heavy cloud:
All **Hail gladdening Light of God's pure glory poured.**

(Celtic Worship Through the Year, p. 86)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES *begun and ended by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl*

REFLECTION OF THE DAY

I refuse to accept the idea that the "is-ness" of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal "ought-ness" that forever confronts him.

I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him.

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of nuclear annihilation.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow.

I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nations, can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men.

I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men other-centered can build up.

I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed and nonviolent redemptive good will proclaim the rule of the land. And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.

I still believe that we shall overcome.

Martin Luther King, Jr. in his Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (10 Dec, 1964)

SILENCE FOR TWO MINUTES *begun and ended by the ringing of the Tibetan Singing bowl*

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Standing, as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Leader Watching and praying, we draw near to you, High King of the universe. We glimpse your awesome presence in the gleaming pools, in the gentle coves, in storm and thunder, and in the stillness of the night. Reveal to us the mysteries of heaven; rebuke us for our wretched ways, and bring us to the place of holiness through your Son, the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

Leader Lord, make us ready to be pilgrims for love of you, to go wherever you open the doors.

Open the doors of devotion to your word;
Open the doors of devotion to prayer and vigil;
Open the doors of devotion to the eternal mysteries
Open the doors of devotion to sorrow and restitution.
Open the doors of devotion to good deeds;
Open the doors of devotion to truth and justice.

Topics for prayer are welcome using the introduction "Open the doors of..."

Leader Good and gracious God, grant us a glimpse of your glory. Deliver us from the darkness of night. Give us a share with your saints in light, including Martin that we too may live to your glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



While we sing, you are welcome to come forward and light a candle for a prayer intention.

RESPONSE:

“Precious Lord”
Sung by all, standing

Thomas A. Dorsey

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
near, when my life is al - most gone;
near, and the day is past and gone;

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
— hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
— at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.
hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

said by all in unison

Celebrant Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.
Silence.

Leader From all that is false and flirts with evil:
All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From the love of riches and from greed and envy:
All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From insensitive words and from discord and strife:
All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)

Leader From manipulation and abuse of others:
All **Good Lord, deliver us.** (*pause*)
Silence.

Leader Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.
(Celtic Worship Through the Year, p. 146)

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC MEDITATION:

“Sometimes I feel like a motherless child” (from Cantata)

John Carter

Marlene Whittemore, *Flutist*

Collection plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, collections plates are located at each entrance of the church. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the mission and ministries of Christ Episcopal Church. The parish is supported primarily by its parishioners and friends.

Sung by all, standing

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3
 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6
 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *standing**from All Saints' Church, Pasadena, CA*

Celebrant God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Celebrant Come to the table with thankful hearts.

People **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

Celebrant Creative God, source of all life, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe! Through us you move, and through us you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves, to find the courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

And so, in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you:

THE SANCTUS:

Puer Nobis

Sung by all, standing

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the High - est.
Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy God, known and beyond all knowing, in your image you created us, giving the earth into our care. In our arrogance, we lost touch with the breath of God within us, with the divinity of the creation, growing blind to its beauty and deaf to its harmonies. But through Christ, born of Mary, your deep abiding love reclaimed us and realigned us with you.

On that evening in an upper room, with friends around him, Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who gathered: This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it, remember me. Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who gathered: This wine is my blood, God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me.

God, in the memory of Jesus who healed people and washed his disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine, making them the Body and Blood of Christ.

All **Breathe through us, God, that our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits may be filled with your life-giving presence. Make us again a holy people, strongly bound to you, firmly rooted in the earth, with eyes to see all life as sacred. Empower us to spread the light of Christ in our wondrous and confusing world. AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We are one bread, one body.
People **We will love one another as Christ loves us.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Come and meet the Risen Lord.

AT COMMUNION

All who desire to receive the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ are welcome. Receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. The Blood of Christ is available in Wine or non-alcoholic Grape Juice (in the crystal chalice). You can drink from the chalice as it is extended to you, or touch the wafer lightly to the Wine or Juice. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward to receive God's blessing. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest.

AT THE COMMUNION, SPIRITUAL:

“Let us break bread together” (from Cantata)

John Carter

Marlene Whittemore, *Soprano*

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees
wid my face to da rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

all standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Circle me Lord, keep light and love within, keep dark powers and demons without. Circle me Lord, keep health and hope within, keep depression and denial without. Circle me Lord, keep childlike trust within, keep fear of death’s powers without.**

Celebrant The Holy Three encircling be, nurturing in eternity.

All **Giving more than we can ask, scattering darkness from our path.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the angels guard you along the road. May heaven’s praises be in you where’ere your abode. May the Three-fold Glory your life enfold.

All **Amen.**

ORGAN: Antiphon III (Fifteen Pieces Founded on Antiphons)

Marcel Dupré

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, AT 5 P.M. (3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH).

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

Organ & Piano: William K. Trafka

Flute & Soprano: Marlene Whittemore