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IF I CANNOT DO
GREAT THINGS,
I CAN DO
SMALL THINGS
IN A GREAT WAY.

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering Song: **AMAZING GRACE**

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!

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!

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound

Greeting Penitential Rite Opening Prayer

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

*Priest: 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.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ.....Lord, have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ..... Christ, have mercy! **All: Christ, have mercy!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ..... Lord, have mercy! **All: Lord, have mercy!**

Presider: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting. **All: Amen!**

The Gloria

**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)**

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading from the first book of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:3b-10.19)

Psalm Response:

**"The Lord will bless His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace.
The Lord will bless His people.
The Lord will bless His people with peace."**

Second Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20)

Gospel Acclamation **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 (1:35-42)**

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.

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

Homily

A LITANY OF COMMEMORATION

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 God's 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 the 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

Offertory Song: 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

Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation..... It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever!**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....

It will become our cup of salvation. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

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 HIS NAME,
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS 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.

The Holy

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
God of power God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of 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.**

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 & Great Amen

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

Amen.....

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Lamb of God

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

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

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

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they to be called to this supper.*

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed**

On Spiritual Communion by Mother Diane Smith

Spiritual Communion has been experienced by the people of God for centuries during times when coming together as community for Mass has not been possible. Together we are in such a difficult time right now. Our most loving acts to one another can occur by staying apart. Christ's loving presence can be known by each of us while we are absent one from another unable to physically receive Communion.

God loves us so much that He reaches out to us in Spiritual Communion. St. Teresa of Avila, mystic and doctor of the church, says, "When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

This prayer is commonly used by those seeking Spiritual Communion: "My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen." (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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

CONCLUDING RITE

Communion Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

Closing Song: **DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**

**1. Gonna lay down my burdens,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my burdens,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.**

Chorus:

**I ain't go study war no more,
study war no more,
ain't go study war no more.
I ain't go study war no more,
study war no more,
ain't go study war no more.**

**2. Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside...**

**3. Gonna lay down my burdens
Down by the riverside.....**

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

+Peter Hickman

God bless you all!