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Springfield, Massachusetts



-Bending Towards Justice-

*Celebrating the life and work of The Rev.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



Monday, January 19, 2026 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Just Closer Walk With Thee

THE INTROIT: "We Shall Not Be Moved"

THE OPENING HYMN – Lift Every Voice & Sing

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts. The first system begins with a piano introduction of four measures. The second system has a piano introduction of two measures. The third and fourth systems begin with a piano introduction of one measure each. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal lines. The vocal lines are written in a simple, accessible style, with lyrics clearly aligned under the notes.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Dearest Jesus, come and sit with us today. Show us the lies that are still embedded in the soul of America's consciousness. Unmask the untruths we have made our best friends. For they seek our destruction. And we are being destroyed, Lord. Reveal the ways the lies have distorted and destroyed our relationships. They break your shalom . . . daily. Jesus, give us courage to embrace the truth about ourselves and you and our world. Truth: We are all made in your image. Truth: You are God; we are not. You are God; money is not. You are God; jails, bombs and bullets are not. And Jesus, give us faith to believe: Redemption of people, relationships, communities and whole nations is possible! Give us faith enough to renounce the lies and tear down the walls that separate us with our hands, with our feet, and with our votes! **Amen.**

(a Prayer by Dr. King)

THE GLORIA: Lift Every Voice & Sing, II # 241 Glory To God

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to His peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our

prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,— you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,—

Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of God—the Fa-ther. A-men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant, you led your people out of slavery. You 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 strive to 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.**

THE FIRST READING – Exodus 3:7-12

The Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I

have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM - Psalm 77:11-20

- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE SECOND READING - Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – African American Heritage Hymnal #405 Keep Hope Alive

**Keep Hope Alive
Don't let the dream die
Got to keep hope alive**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Walter Brownridge, Canon

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -

Written by Alex Blenman FFSC

THE PRAYER LITANY: “Let Justice Roll” - *Mark Miller, refrain*

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Let jus-tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and right-eous-ness like a flow-ing". The second staff continues with "stream. Let jus - tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and". The third staff concludes with "right - eous - ness like a flow - ing stream." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Intercessor

At this time, let us pray to the Lord our God singing: Let justice roll

For the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice, knowing that these here assembled are your children let us continue to build community with one another and strive for a better world. Lord in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

We pray for our siblings who have been separated from us due to fear imposed by the oppressors of our time. Let them find peace in you, their neighbors, family and friends, knowing that they will find a place of peace and rest in your house. Lord in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

Understanding that love is the highest good, grant us loving and discerning hearts, and may we continue to love our neighbors as ourselves and bless those who surround us. Let us always remember those who were harmed by segregation, Jim crow and racial terror enforced by law. Lord in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

Lord, send down the angels that protected Daniel while he slept in the Lion's den and that warmed Joseph of Herod's plot to protect those who continue to live in communities under surveillance and fear. Let them find peace in knowing that you and your angels watch over them in the day as well as the night. Lord, in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

Gracious God give us the courage of your servant David to protect our neighbors in this time of trial, let us fight the good fight, and to stand up against our own Goliaths. Lord in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

Lord, grant the leaders of this nation and the world the courage of Esther, wisdom of Solomon and the compassion of Ruth, so that they may stand up for what's right and live in your will and walk in your way. Lord, in your mercy

Let, justice roll.

We remember those who have died both in the past and in the present time, and grant them an eternal peace and quiet. Let those who have come before us, both named and unknown ignite the fire of a steady resistance that prevails in all of us gathered. We especially pray for the Rev. Tom A Callard, Dean Emeritus of this Cathedral. (*a moment of Silence*) Lord in your Mercy

Let, justice roll.

Celebrant

Eternal God, out of whose mind this great cosmic Universe came to be, we bless you. Help us to seek that which is high, noble and good. Help us in the moment of difficult decision. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color.

Amen. *(a prayer by Dr. King)*

THE CONFESSION

Let us Confess our sins against god and our neighbor

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen. *(a prayer by Dr. King)*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. **Amen.** *(a prayer by Dr. King)*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code.



THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “I Sing Because I’m Happy” - Dilworth

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and

peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: The Hymnal 1982 – S 161 Lamb of God



Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION HYMN – Wonder, Love & Praise #752 There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ and I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ till you
 (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, _____ now you're

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. _____ There are
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. _____ You're the
 weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ and I
 one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 make it right if you will yield; _____ you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. _____
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way." _____
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. _____

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.



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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and evermore. **Amen.** - *(Prayer by Dr. King)*

THE CLOSING HYMN- Lift Every Voice & Sing, II #227 We Shall Overcome

We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come, We shall o - ver - come some - day; Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve, (Oh) We shall o - ver - come some - day. day.

1. -4. 5.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Oh Freedom

O free - dom, — O free - dom, — O free dom.

Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing.

O Je - sus, — O Je - sus,

Free-dom is com - ing. O yes, I know. Je-sus is com - ing.

O Je - sus, — O yes, I know.

Je-sus is com - ing. Je-sus is com - ing. O yes, I know. O —

O yes, I know. — O yes, I know. —

O yes, I know. yes, I know. — O yes, I know. — O yes, I know. O

— O yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know.

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Participants in today's service

Dean	The Very Reverend José Reyes
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Walter Brownridge, Canon
Clergy	Rev. Elle Morgan, Rev. Michael Devine, Rev. Rachel Field Rev. Pat O'Connell
Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
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Lectors	Jahn Hart, Leah Gregg Rev. Megan Mantler
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Prayers by Dr. King, collected and adapted by Nancy Hastings Sebested for prayerandpolitics.org

Preaching in our Cathedral: The Rev. Canon Dr. Walter Brownridge

Walter is a graduate of General Theological Seminary, The University of San Diego Graduate School of International Relations, and the Georgetown University Law Center. He has written on law and theology, practical theology, and Church & Society. His articles have appeared in several publications, including the Anglican Theological Review. He was co-editor and contributor to a special volume of the ATR dedicated to the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Fr. Brownridge is the author of a forthcoming ATR article on Law, Theology, and Reproductive Choice in the Episcopal Church. He is also a contributor to the book *Preaching Black Lives Matter*.

Walter has served as a Cathedral Dean and a Seminary Associate Dean at the School of Theology at Sewanee: University of the South. He served parishes in Ohio, Michigan, Delaware, and New York City and as a Canon at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa.

From 2021 to 2023, Walter was Canon to the Ordinary for Cultural Transformation in the Diocese of Vermont, where he spearheaded the diocese's work in areas such as Christian Formation, Racial Justice, Stewardship, and Creation Care. From 2024 until January 11th, he served as Interim at Christ Episcopal Church in Montpelier, VT.

On February 1st, 2026, the Very Rev'd Dr. Walter Brownridge will begin serving as Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia, Cyprus, and as Canon to the Ordinary. As Cathedral Dean, Walter supports the Bishop as Chief Shepherd, Pastor, and Minister of the Diocese. He provides spiritual, pastoral, liturgical, teaching, missional, and public ministry leadership to the Cathedral congregation. As Canon to the Ordinary, he supports the Bishop's ministry across the Diocese as Chief of Staff and in a variety of ways as required. He will remain a canonically resident priest of the Diocese of Vermont (and part of Province One) and will be a Deputy to the 2027 General Convention.

It is our great honor to welcome him to our cathedral!