

# Epiphany #3—Martin Luther King Celebration Service

## January 17, 2021, 11:00 am

### PRELUDE

Wade in the Water—African American spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

### CALL TO RETURN TO OUR SOULS

Pastor: A man went forth with gifts.

**Quartet: He was a prose poem.**

Pastor: He was a tragic grace.

**Quartet: He was a warm music.**

Pastor: He tried to heal the vivid volcanoes.

**Quartet: His ashes are reading the world.**

Pastor: The Dream still wishes to anoint

**Quartet: The barricades of faith and control.**

Pastor: His word still burns the center of the sun

**Quartet: Above the thousands**

Pastor: The word was Justice

**Quartet: Justice!**

Pastor: It was spoken.

**Quartet: It shall be spoken.**

Pastor: So it shall be done.

—Gwendolyn Brooks, poem honoring Dr. King

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND COMMITMENT

--Dr King, from the sermon "Our God is Able" after his home was bombed

Pastor: I now know that God is able!

**Quartet: To give us interior resources to face life's storms.**

Pastor: Let this affirmation be our ringing cry.

**Quartet:: It will give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future.**

Pastor: It will give our tired feet new strength as we strive toward the city of freedom.

**Quartet: When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds,**

Pastor: And our nights become darker than a hundred midnights—

**Quartet: Let us remember that there is a Power in the universe whose name is God.**

Pastor: God is able to make a way out of no way,

**Quartet: And transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.**

Pastor: This is our hope for becoming new persons.

**Quartet This is our mandate for seeking to make a better world.**

Pastor: This is why we keep returning to answer the call to worship a God

**Quartet: Who will be at our side forever.**

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#656      **Glory to God**

**We've Come This Far by Faith**

**Bible readings:**

**Isaiah 41:1-13**

**John 1:43-51**

**Emma Witbolsfeugen**

**Message SCOTT**

**No One to Go to But God!**

**#339      Glory to God      Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**WELCOME**

**Anthem**

**A Gospel Magnificat— text, Ruth Duck, Mary Louise Bringle; music, Norah Duncan IV**

**Intercessory Prayer SCOTT—-with comments by people on FB DEANNA will read these in spaces of silence)...conclude with the Lord's Prayer and Sung Response.....**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

**#460                      Break Thou, the Bread of Life**

**OFFERTORY**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand—text and music, Thomas Dorsey  
Neal Long, tenor**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Eternal God, out of whose mind this great cosmic universe was born,  
We bless You.**

**Help us to see what is high, noble and good.**

**Help us in this 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.**

**--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**#384 Glory to God**

**Soon and Very Soon**

## **BLESSING**

## **SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**#740**

**Glory to God**

**Lead Me, Guide Me**

## **Postlude**

**Soon and Very Soon—words and music by Andraé Crouch, set by Phillip Keveren**