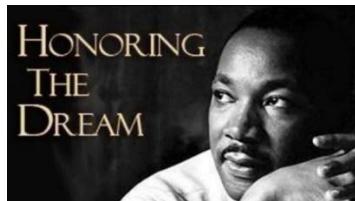


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program

Christ Church Cathedral

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Happy Birthday

written by Stevie Wonder to encourage individuals to sign petition in support of a holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

CCC Choir

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dean Kathie

Lift Every Voice & Sing (all stand and sing)

CCC Choir

MLK Reading

excerpts from Dr. King's "I Have A Dream Speech", from his book "Why We Can't Wait," and from his speech, "The Other America"

Lorraine Kee

Musical Selection – Soon and Very Soon

written by gospel artist Andre Crouch, said to be based on Revelation 21:4

CCC Choir

MLK Reading

excerpts from his address, "The Role of the Church in Facing the Nation's Chief Moral Dilemma" and from his speech, "Beyond Vietnam"

Lauren Patrick

Musical Selection – Rise Up

written by Andra Day, started as a prayer at a time of personal stagnation and the cancer diagnosis of one of her friends; has become known as a song of hope, resilience, and empowerment

Lauren
Waignt,
Soloist

MLK Reading

excerpts from Dr. King's speech, "The Other America"

Elizabeth
Watkins

Musical Selection – Glory

theme song from the movie "Selma" highlighting Dr. King's journey in the Civil Rights Movement

CCC Choir

Closing Remarks & Prayer

Dean Kathie

We Shall Overcome (all stand and sing)

written by minister/composer Charles Tindley, civil right protest song adapted from the gospel song, "I'll Overcome Someday"

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing
till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path thru' the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,

Thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,

Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.

Shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,

True to our God, true to our native land.