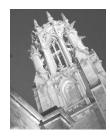


The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Epiphany 2, Year C Religious Life Sunday

Remembering The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

> January 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Be Here. Be You. Be Loved



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

We have **large print bulletins** and **hearing devices** available. If you need them, ask an usher.

Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About the Holy Eucharist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus.

For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive. (*The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson*)

Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the cases of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG 542 ST. JOAN



WELCOME!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence.

Moment of silence to open our hearts.

GREETING (Enriching Our Worship)

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Lord of the wedding feast, take our hearts of stone and flood them with new wine, so that we may savor the daily miracles that reveal your Son in our midst, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.** Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.; from Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary 2022, Anglican Church of Canada

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 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**.

"A Great Cloud of Witnesses: A Calendar of Commemorations" (New York: Church Publishing, 2016), p. 170

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

THE FIRST READING Please be seated.

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal

diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 36:5-10 *Prayed responsively.*

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *

you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *

and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, st

and your favor to those who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

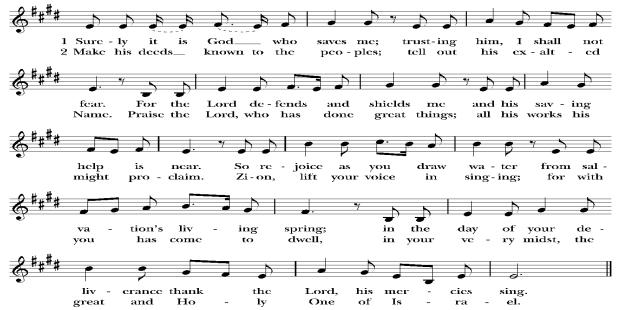
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 679

THOMAS MERTON



THE GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Moment for silent reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA) Please stand as you are able.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Dr. Gail Ramshaw, adapted)

Deacon Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader We look in faith today toward Jesus, the one on whom God's favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to Christ's altar, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, especially Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves and Valori, their Priest-in-Charge; Sujanna, their Associate Priest; Warren, Paul and Mandi, their Priest Affiliates; and Jerre their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

The Rev. Deacon Diana Wheeler

Leader For the baptized gathered today, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Messiah. We offer thanks and praise to God for the birth of Louisa Vaughan Anderson, January 11, 2025, daughter of Sarah Mitchell and Benjamin Anderson, granddaughter of Paul Anderson and the late Louisa Bowen. Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Communities here among us, Br. Sam Kincade OSF, Br. David Wigger OSF, Alan Robert Young, CDW, the Rev. Deacon Diana Wheeler, OSF, and give thanks for their gifts. Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

For the healing of all who are blind to God's impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace. Eternal God, out of whose mind this great cosmic universe, 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. (MLK, Jr. from *The Spiritual Life*, @2010-2030) Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Leader For the consolation and support of all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, emotionally; for all who are ill, and for all those for whom we have been asked to pray, including: all the people of Israel, Palestine and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, Libya; all those affected by the fires in California, the Garroway, Vincent and Carter families, <u>Andreas, Cornelia, Hans-Michael</u>, Bishop Chilton, Nelson, Gilbert, Larry, Hardina, Nicole, Tim, Lowell, Michelle, Helen, Alicia, John, Timothy, Renie, Eddy, Urlene, Ed, Kathy, Rev. Julie, Rev. Josie, Susan, Norm; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. That they may be held in the healing mercy of the God of peace. Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

For those who have died, including all killed in the Middle East, Ukraine, in the attack in New Orleans and in the fires burning in California; Paul Vincent, James Earl Carter, Jr., those eight lives taken by gun violence in St. Louis City in 2025 represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. May they be welcomed into God's loving embrace until we see them again. Merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Savior, this day and forever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Book of Common Prayer)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

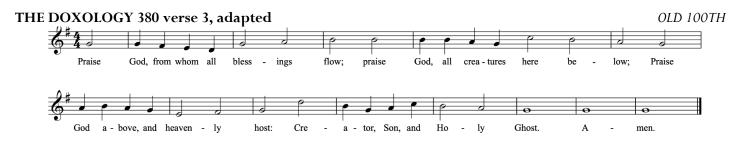
The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Believe This is Jesus" Spiritual, arr. by Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus; Come and see, oh, come and see. The light of God shines in his face, He offers all his pard'ning grace; Come and see, oh, come and see. Yes, yes, yes Lord! Oh, I believe this is Jesus; Come and see, come and see.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B (expansive language text)

God is with you. Presider

And also with you. People

Lift up your hearts. Presider

We lift them to the Lord. People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Presider

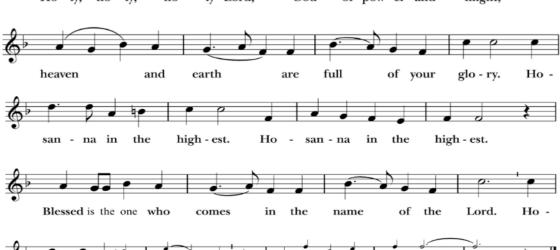
People It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Presider heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever offer this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-125, adapted *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

Proulx Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days, you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command O God:

All We remember Christ's death, we proclaim Christ's resurrection, we await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 (Book of Common Prayer)

The bread is broken; silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

THE INVITATION

Presider These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord

Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS II 151

John B. Foley SJ





SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (Book of Common Prayer) Please stand as you are able

Presider God is with you.

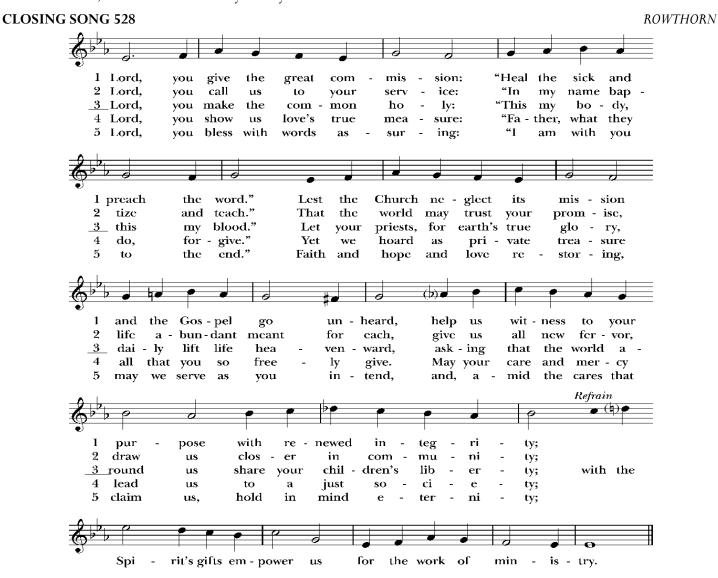
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Divine Creator, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING (Enriching Our Worship 1)

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**.



THE SENDING

Deacon

Our worship has ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go forth in the Name of Christ. Go into your own neighborhoods. Go into unknown lands and places. Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known. Go to those who welcome you and to those who reject you. Go forth into the world and share the Good News of God's love. Go in peace; serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Cathedral Choir Scholar Singers

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