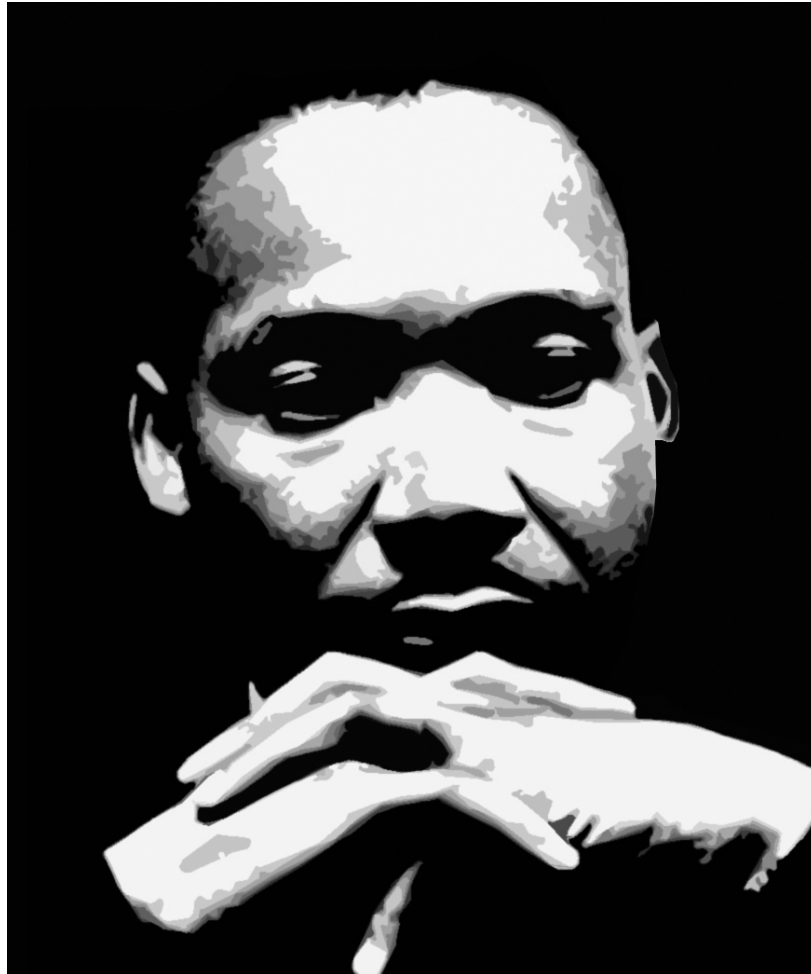


# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Feast Day of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*January 16, 2022 10:00 AM*

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# ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

*An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church*

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***Welcome to St. Paul's Elkins Park!***

***We are on a mission to know Christ;  
to make Christ known in our community;  
and to follow His Way of compassion and service to  
others.***

## **Sunday Service**

10:00 AM ZOOM Family Communion  
Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with all kinds of music.

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a multi-cultural community of faith  
with members from all over the world.*

*We welcome all at the Holy Table in our church,  
without exception, wherever you are in your spiritual journey.*

# *Holy Eucharist*

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## The Ministry of the Word

*Prelude: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arranged by Gilbert Martin

### WELCOME

#### Opening Hymn

*We're Marching to Zion*

**Lift Every Voice #12**

#### Opening Sentence

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be the Lord Our God.

*People*

**For ever and ever. Alleluia.**

#### Hymn of Glory

*Expression of Life*

**Lift Every Voice #53**

#### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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, Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may 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 Lesson

*A reading from Habakkuk 2:9–14*

“Alas for you who get evil gain for your houses,

setting your nest on high

to be safe from the reach of harm!”

You have devised shame for your house

by cutting off many peoples;  
you have forfeited your life.  
The very stones will cry out from the wall,  
and the plaster will respond from the woodwork.  
“Alas for you who build a town by bloodshed,  
and found a city on iniquity!”  
Is it not from the Lord of hosts  
that peoples labour only to feed the flames,  
and nations weary themselves for nothing?  
But the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 12:1–7**

Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.  
Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.  
Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!  
Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"  
"Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up," says the Lord, "and give them the help they long for."  
The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.  
O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.

### **The Second Lesson**

*A reading from 2 Corinthians 6:2b–10*

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of

righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke 12:2-12

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops. "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

**The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid**

## **Our Affirmation of Trust in all that is Holy**

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcame death.

You are God. We worship you.

*Taken from the New Zealand Prayerbook*

## **The Prayers of the People**

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Congress and the President, for peace among the nations, for all those in uniform now serving in harm's way, and for those who suffer for the sake of conscience.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Give us hope in this time of uncertainty. Strengthen those who are afraid and give us courage in the face of violence and hate. Open our hearts and the hearts of our enemies to your ways of peace;

*Make us instruments of reconciliation and show forth your love.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishops; for Paul, our Rector, for Simpson,  
our Priest Associate, for David our Music Director, for Tessika and Shango our  
Music Ministers, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation,  
(The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud)  
Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
(The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud)

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal  
kingdom.  
(The People may add their own petitions for those who have died.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*Celebrant*

**Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only  
what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our  
blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Words of Welcome and Announcements*

# The Holy Communion

*Enriching Our Worship*

Eucharistic Prayer I

## The Offertory

*There is a Balm in Gilead* Traditional

***Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone***

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You draw all people to yourself and break down walls of hostility between those who are different from one another. You make justice roll down like a river and righteous like a never-failing stream.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Spoken**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You never ceased to care for us and prepared  
the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah,  
you called us into covenant with you.



You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts

may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with Martin and St. Paul and all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, let us say together the words our savior taught us,

*People and Celebrant*

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**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

*Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, give us your peace.

**Spoken**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
All are welcome at the Lord's table.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Celebrant pronounces a blessing**

### **Closing Hymn**

*When We All Get to Heaven*

**Lift Every Voice #20**

**Join our soloist and sing along at home!**

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

The People respond *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude: *Grand Jeu* by Guilain

Hymn (After Coffee Hour) - *God Be With You* Lift Every Voice #234  
***Join our soloist and sing along at home!***

God be with you, God be with you, God be with you  
Until we meet again. (Repeat)