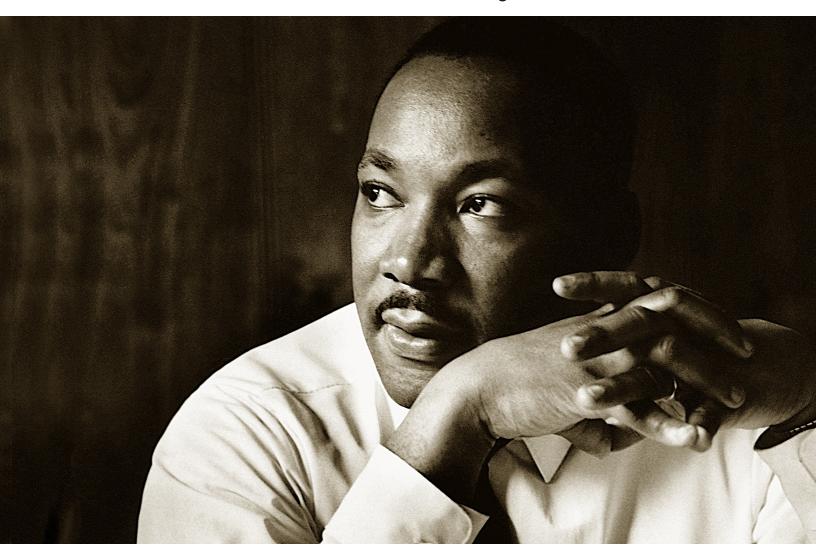
We've Come This Far by Faith:



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Welcome to worship at All Saints'. We invite you to write prayer requests in the Facebook comments, we encourage you to sing and pray the liturgy with us, and we are thrilled to welcome the Christ child into our hearts.

"I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states.

I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country."

• The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., A Letter From A Birmingham Jail

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Prelude Music |

The Ebenezer Baptist Church House Band

Opening Hymn |



Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring

The Ebenezer Baptist Church House Band

Opening Sentences |

The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice

Officiant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit
People There is one hope in God's call to us.
Officiant One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

People One God and Father of all.

Officiant Today, as we celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. may

we remember that we've come this far by faith, and that God has work for us to do.

Officiant Let justice roll down like waters.

People And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Opening Prayer |

The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 forever. Amen.

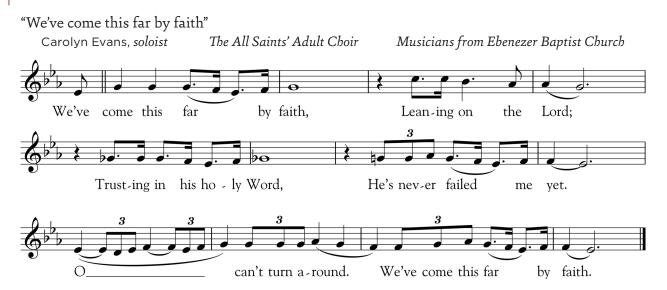
The First Lesson | Exodus 3:7-12

The Rev. Zachary C. Nyein

Then 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

Reader There is one Body and one Spirit.People There is one hope in God's call to us.

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."



Reading | A Letter From a Birmingham Jail

Caleb Robinson, Sarah Hill

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds...I must make two honest confessions to you, my Christian and Jewish brothers. First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Counciler or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; ... Shallow understanding

Reader There is one Body and one Spirit. People There is one hope in God's call to us. from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection...Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world? Perhaps I must turn my faith to the inner spiritual church, the church within the church, as the true ekklesia and the hope of the world. But again I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom. ... Their witness has been the spiritual salt that has preserved the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. They have carved a tunnel of hope through the dark mountain of disappointment. I hope the church as a whole will meet the challenge of this decisive hour.

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

Musical Meditation |

"Revelation 19:1"

Jeffrey LaValley (b. 1953)

The Ebenezer Baptist Church Crew Youth Choir

Lydia Raglin Williams, Director

Reading | from Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?

Margaret Pope, David Pacini

Freedom is not won by a passive acceptance of suffering. Freedom is won by a struggle against suffering...

Racial understanding is not something that we find but something that we must create...

What is needed is a realization that power without love is reckless and abusive and that love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

For its very survival's sake, America must re-examine old presuppositions and release itself from many things that for centuries have been held sacred. For the evils of racism, poverty and militarism to die, a new set of values must be born. Our economy must become more person-centered than property – and profit-centered. Our government must depend more on its moral power than on its military power...

Reader There is one Body and one Spirit.

People There is one hope in God's call to us.

A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death... There is nothing to prevent us from paying adequate wages to schoolteachers, social workers and other servants of the public to ensure that we have the best available personnel in these positions which are charged with the responsibility of guiding our future generations. There is nothing but a lack of social vision to prevent us from paying an adequate wage to every American citizen whether he be a hospital worker, laundry worker, maid or day laborer...

We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late... We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. This may well be mankind's last chance to choose between chaos and community.

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

Musical Meditation

"Amazing Grace"

New Britain arr. Cori L. Stevenson

The Ebenezer Baptist Church House Band

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

"But 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

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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.

Anthem | "Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948) arr. Carol Cymbala (b. 1947)

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength.

You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

Words and Music by Richard Smallwood (b. 1948)

The All Saints' Adult Choir Musicians from Ebenezer Baptist Church

Sermon |

The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson

A period of silent prayer follows the sermon.

Musical Meditation |

"I Dream a World"

Uzee Brown, Jr. (b. 1950)

I dream a world where man no longer will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth and peace its path adorn.
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul, nor avarice blights our day;
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth, and every man is free!
Where wretchedness will hang its head, and joy like a pearl,
Attend the needs of all mankind. Of such I dream, our world!
Words: Langston Hughes (1901–1967)

Laura English-Robinson, soprano

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, organ

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant |

The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring

Officiant As we commit to building the Beloved Community in this place as Dr. King

imagined, let us renew our Baptismal covenant as we work together for equity

and healing.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of the bread, and in the prayers?

People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People We will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People We will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Church and for the World

The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice

Blessing |

The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

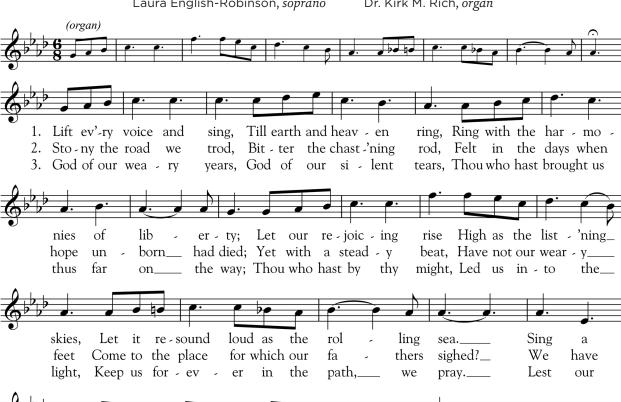
May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Lift every voice and sing"

Laura English-Robinson, soprano

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, organ



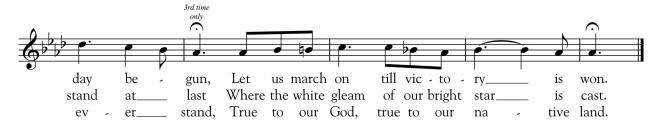
song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered; feet stray from the pla-ces, our God, where we met thee;

song full Sing a of the We have come, tread-ing our Lest our hearts, drunk with the

3rd time



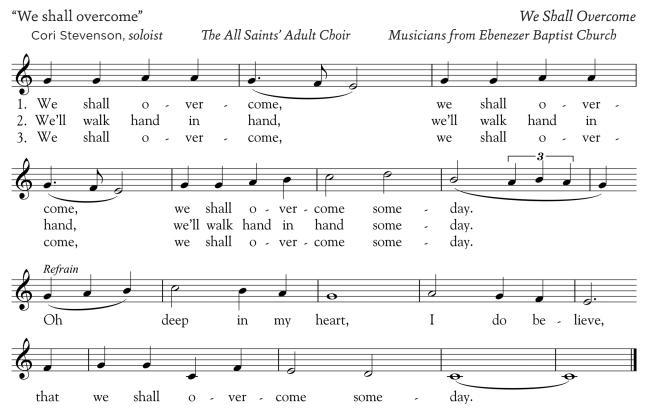
that the pre-sent has brought us; Fa - cing the ris - ing Of our new sun path through the blood of the slaugh tered; Out from the gloom-y Till now we past, the world, we for - get____ thee, Shad-owed be-neath Thy hand, May we forwine of



Officiant People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn |



Voluntary |

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"

Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, organ

Worship Notes

Welcome to this special worship service, honoring the life and legacy of one of America's iconic prophets: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is our great honor to partner with musicians from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which was Dr. King's spiritual home, and where he served as co-pastor from 1960 to 1968. The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson joins us from Virginia Theological Seminary, where he serves as Associate Professor of Homiletics to Episcopal students. We have also invited the Rev. Natosha Reid Rice to co-officiate with our rector, the Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring, and we have asked Natosha to advise us in the planning.

As Dr. King observed in 1960, "11 o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in Christian America" and though there are certainly great strides being made across the country, this observation remains largely true today. As we began planning for this service, your worship and music staff spent a good deal of time considering how best to celebrate Dr. King's legacy within the context of God's worship at an Episcopal Church. We felt that we could most authentically honor his tradition by inviting liturgists, musicians, and a preacher from his tradition to form us. We asked our partners to share their views on the various aspects of the liturgy, and to present from a place of authenticity. As a result, you will notice some differences today. The prayers are offered extemporaneously and with musical accompaniment, as they would have been for Dr. King. The scripture readings and the Collect of the Day are

appointed for Dr. King's feast day, and we selected excerpts from two of Dr. King's publications, A Letter From a Birmingham Jail, and Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? Our music selections come from a variety of styles, including traditional hymnody, contemporary Gospel, and the Black national anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing. It is respectful to stand during this song. We are particularly grateful to Ebenezer musicians Dr. Patrice Turner, Ms. Laura English-Robinson and Mr. Cori Stevenson for their extensive conversations in this planning.

Baptism forms the backbone of this liturgy. It is the great unifying sacrament across Christian denominations, and one of the first acts undertaken by early followers of Jesus. We begin and end with language from the Episcopal baptism liturgy, we frame our racial equity and healing work through the lens of the baptismal covenant, and we respond to the readings, "There is one Body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us."

Planning this service, we have found our love of Anglican tradition both deepened and broadened. We have taken pride in our distinctive practices, and we have also learned new ways to express the poetry, rhythm, and harmony of God's church. May this worship be a time of comfort, but also a time of growth and challenge. May the Holy Spirit gather, call, center, and send us out into the world to show the world Jesus' story! Alleluia, Alleluia, and Amen.

The Worship Committee and staff welcome your feedback; please email worship@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Music for Sunday, January 17, 2020

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In Our Prayers

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of England.
In our diocese, we pray for St. Columba's Church in Suwanee.
In our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for All Saints' Altar Guild.

Thanksgiving and Memorials

The sanctuary candle and altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

We want you to have the Most Up-to-Date Information

Things are changing quickly during this pandemic. For the most current announcements on upcoming events, service opportunities, and worship services, please visit

allsaintsatlanta.org/news-and-publications.

Please continue to monitor our website for the latest news and answers to frequently asked questions regarding our COVID-19 policies and protocols:

allsaintsatlanta.org/covid-19.

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Prayer List

Those who are ill

Hank Harris

Jenny and Greer Lyle

Denni Moss

Pat Patton

Jack Srinivasan

Bob Tick

Leonard Berry, uncle of Victor Young

Donnie Camps, nephew of Dru Fender

Devinche Pearson, cousin of Victor Young

William Schroder, father of Susan Hare

Paul Sturtz, friend of Craig and Rene Wilson

Tab Tollett, brother-in-law of John and Donna Mitchell

James Wilkes, father of John Wilkes

Stephen Wright, brother-in-law of Holly York

All who are suffering from COVID-19

Other concerns

Virginia Schroder, mother of Susan Hare

Those recovering from illness or surgery

Sarah Ellena Hogrefe

Marie Riggs, mother of Karen Riggs

Mark Stewart, brother of Jill Gossett

Neale Sweet, brother-in-law of Margaret Daniel

Those who have died

James Anasti, friend of Des Dorsey and Dave Little

Lucy Bower, mother of Babs Turner

Virginia Herron, grandmother of Dailey Dewling

and friend of Mary Jo Bryan

Jan Hopkins, mother of Kate Stradtman

Brenda Briscoe Robinson and Bill Robinson,

family members of Susan Goodrich

Alicia Taylor, mother of Chuck Taylor, grandmother of Cate, Lilly, and Abby Taylor

Terry Jean Taylor, sister-in-law of Terry Bird

Audrey (Butch) Welch, brother of Maurice Reddick

All who have died from COVID-19

Birthdays this Week

Sun | Jan 17

Jack Allen

Rosemond Asamoah

Jim Baria

Ed Bresee

Melanie Chastain

Ayodele Jolibois

Oliver McNearney

Preston Moister

Gwinn Nixon

Julie Ross

Elizabeth Thorsteinson

Mon | Jan 18

Gray Carter

Matt Citron

Benjamin Gandy

Susanne Logan

Cynthia McDonald

Hal Pittard

Nelson Ross

John Spillman

Tues | Jan 19

Lucia Arjona

Tommy Bresee

Deborah Cox Paul Enloe

Sarah Ellena Hogrefe

Carter McGraw

Andrew McGraw

Robert Merrill

Harriet Shaffer

Wed | Jan 20

Chuck Abnev

Susan Bradford

Chris Ekholm

Chris McGraw

Wick Simmons

Holly Stevens

Elizabeth Tozzer

Trina Walker

Matt Weyandt

Thur | Jan 21

Justin Averette

Roswell Bond

Tom Carr

Matt Everitt

Kathryn Furman

Charlotte Hassett

Lynne Holley

Judy Marine

Lauren Regelbrugge

Andrew Shahnayaz

Tucker Weinmann

Will White

Grace Williams

Fri | Jan22

Kathy Bowman

Alexa Edgar

Meredith Herbert

John Hodgins

Milton Murray

Ann Newman

Nancy Newton

Blake Olmstead

Mimi Powell

Wendy Silliman Tony Wilbert

Janice Wilson

Will Wingate, IV

Rusty Wolf

Sat | Jan 23

Charlie Echols

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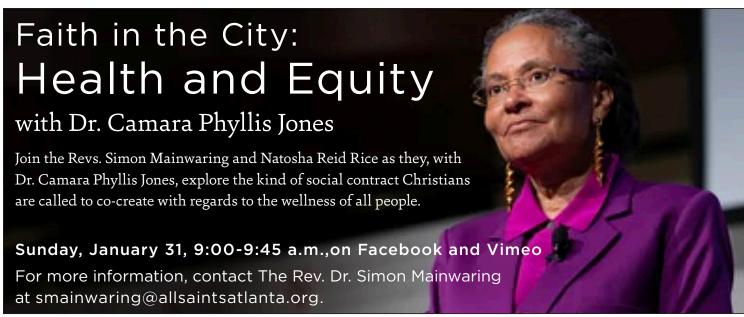
Russ Wofford



Introducing a monthly series in which the Rev. Natosha Reid Rice leads a discussion with members of our community about how faith intersects with professional life. Join us this month when we welcome saints in the healthcare and public health sphere, including Arjun Srinivasan, Hope Paga, and Beth Docka.

Connecting the Dots: The Intersection of Faith and Vocation

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m., on Zoom allsaintsatlanta.org





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Monday through Thursday

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THURSDAYS

8:00 p.m. Compline Prayer

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