

# Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968

Sunday, January 15, 2017

## Liturgy of the Word

*All stand for the opening procession and to sing the Entrance hymn*

*Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs*

Hymnal 238



1 Bless - ed feasts of bless - ed mar - tyrs, ho - ly wo - men,  
2 Faith pre - vail - ing, hope un - fail - ing, lov - ing Christ with  
3 There-fore, ye that reign in glo - ry, fel - low - heirs with



ho - ly men, with af - fec - tion's re - col - lec - tions  
sin - gle heart, thus they, glo - rious and vic - to - rious,  
Christ on high, join to ours your sup - pli - ca - tion



greet we your re - turn a - gain. Wor - thy deeds they  
brave - ly bore the mar - tyr's part, by con - tempt of  
when be - fore him we draw nigh, pray - ing that, this



wrought, and won - ders, wor - thy of the Name they bore; we, with  
ev - ery an - guish, by un - yield - ing bat - tle done; vic - tors  
life com - plet - ed, all its fleet - ing mo - ments past, by his



meet - est praise and sweet - est, hon - or them for ev - er - more.  
at the last, they tri - umph, with the host of an - gels one.  
grace we may be wor - thy of e - ter - nal bliss at last.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

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 Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Song of Praise**

“Every Praise”

by Hezekiah Walker

*Sung by the Gordon Memorial United Methodist choir*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* 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.*

### **First Reading**

Exodus 3:7-12

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of 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 place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*             Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 77:11-20**

Text: Coverdale Psalm

Setting: John Stainer

*Sung by the Christ Church Cathedral Chamber Choir*

### **Hymn before the Gospel lesson**

*All stand.*



1. Ho - ly God, you raise up proph-ets; Praise and hon - or do we sing,  
 2. Mo - ral con-science of his na - tion, Re - con - cil - ing black and white,  
 3. Teach - er of Christ - like non - vio - lence To the out - cast, poor and meek;  
 4. Preach - er of Christ's love for neigh - bor, He won No - bel's prize for peace;

1. For your faith - ful, hum - ble ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar - tin Luth - er King.  
 2. Dreamed he of a just so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on his fight.  
 3. Great - er weap - on 'gainst op - pres - sion Is to turn the o - ther cheek.  
 4. Peo - ples, beat your swords to plough - shares, Wars 'twixt na - tions all shall cease.

*Refrain*

Bless - ed Mar - tin, pas - tor, proph - et, you the moun - tain - top did see;

Bless - ed Mar - tin, ho - ly mar - tyr: Pray that we may\_ all be free.

5. Champion of oppressed humanity  
 Suff'ring throughout all the world;  
 He offered pride and dignity  
 Let Christ's banner be unfurled!  
*Refrain*

6. So, when felled by sniper's bullet,  
 Under heavens overcast,  
 He could cry, "Thank God Almighty,  
 I am free, I'm free at last!"  
*Refrain*

## The Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-36

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to every one who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And 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, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**                            The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean & Rector*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

## Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

## **A Litany of Hope**

*All remain standing.*

Gracious God, we are reminded today of your compassion for all people:

*All races*

All colors

*All political affiliations*

All religious persuasions

*All social classes*

All economic statuses

*All nations.*

We confess our tendency to think that we are the best, our perspective the most righteous.

*Forgive us our arrogance, gracious God.*

We confess our tendency to judge others, and to condemn those we find unworthy.

*Forgive us our impertinence, gracious God.*

We see others with criticism.

*You see us all with love-filled eyes.*

We see only in part.

*You see the world with infinite wisdom.*

We see the external.

*You see the heart.*

Mold us after the mind of Christ.

*Form us to your heart.*

Shape us by the cruciform and sacrificing love of your Son, Jesus.

*Make us new with grace.*

Your way is not of violence and empire, but in the power and beauty of the cross.

*Our faith must be in the transforming love of Christ.*

Lead us into the service of all whom you have made.

*Open our eyes to the value and sacred worth of each person we meet.*

Your kingdom come, Your will be done

*On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Silence*

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

*The Deacon then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

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 your Son 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.

*The Bishop stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

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

## **Announcements**

## **Offertory Anthem**

“Draw us in the Spirit’s tether”

Harold Fridell

*Sung by the Christ Church Cathedral Chamber Choir*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

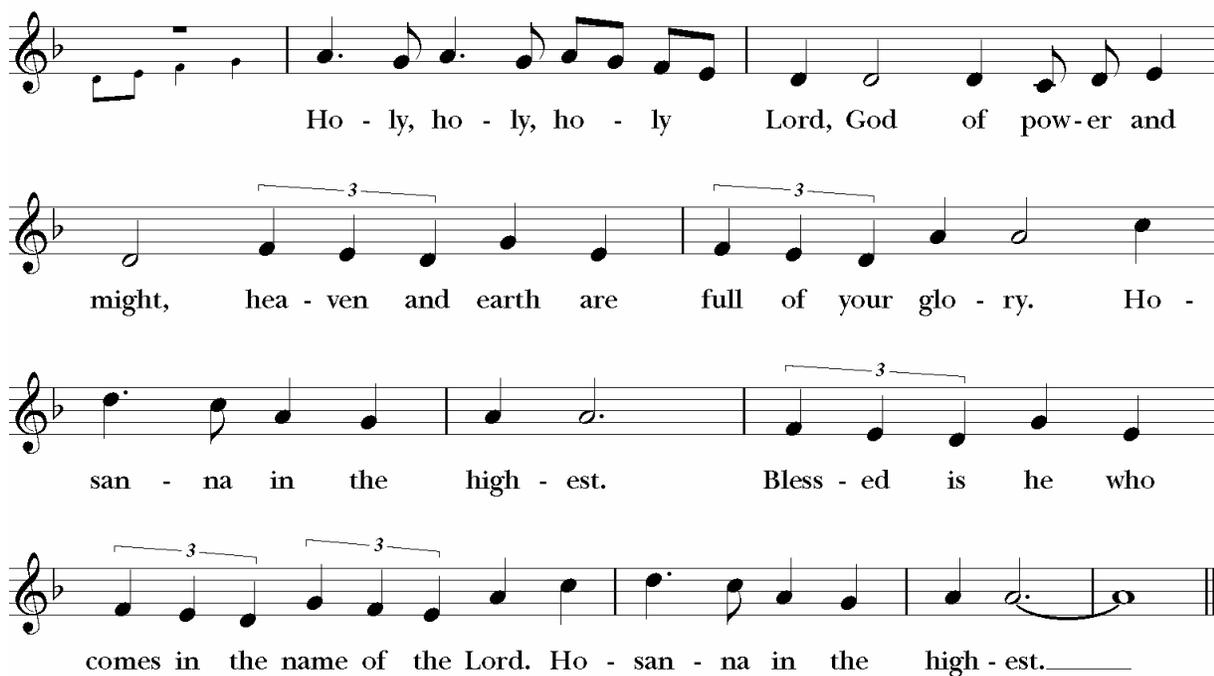
*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 many 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 together say*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

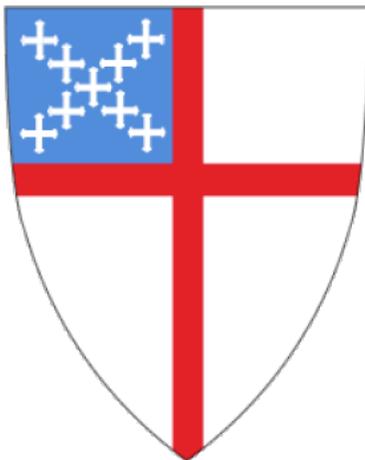
*A period of silence is kept.*

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.  
*Whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. You may receive the Bread and drink the Wine from the chalice or you may receive the Bread alone with the assurance of every benefit of the Sacrament.*



# Communion Music

An Anthem "Total Praise"

by Donnie McClurkin

*Sung by the Gordon Memorial UMC choir*

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal 325



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*The Bishops bless the people*

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of Martin Luther King, Jr. be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *Amen.*

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hymnal 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Dismissal

*Deacon*            Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### *Officiants*

The Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*  
*The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee*

The Reverend Dr. William T. McAllily, *Bishop*  
*Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church*

### *Assisting Clergy*

The Reverend Harriet Bryan, *District Superintendent*  
*Nashville District, The United Methodist Church*

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean & Rector*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

The Reverend Dr. Charles White, *Senior Pastor*  
*Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church*

The Reverend Canon Gene Manning, *Sub dean*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

The Reverend Matthew Lewis, *Assistant to the Rector*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

The Reverend Dr. Dwight Hughes  
*Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church*

### *Other Servers*

John Whitaker, *Sacristan*

Melinda Balsler, *Acolyte*

Meghan Gwaltney, *Acolyte*

Charles Hall, *Acolyte*

*Christ Church Cathedral*

Minister Zenola Diggs, *Reader*

Rogers Martin, *Reader*

*Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church*

### *Musicians*

Michael Gebhart, *Assistant Organist and Choir Director*  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

*The Christ Church Cathedral Chamber Choir*

*The Gordon Memorial United Methodist Choir*

### *Ushers*

John Bridges

Tom Gillman

Ann Hopton

Cindy Tyler

*Christ Church Cathedral*

*The guidelines for worship according to the Interim Eucharistic Sharing Agreement between the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church have been followed this afternoon.*