



**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Feast of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King (Transferred)**

January 19, 2025, 11:00

*Holy Eucharist: Enriching Our Worship*



**Welcome to St. Peter's Church**

We are glad that you are with us today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in the prayers, communion, and fellowship as fully as you are comfortable doing. We encourage children to participate. Help us welcome you by filling out one of the "Welcome" cards located in the box pews, and give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate.

(Announcements)

# The Feast of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

*This church worship service will be livestreamed and recorded for our online congregation. By participating in person you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Voluntary

*The people stand as the clergy enter.*

### Entrance Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

*Beechwood*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing— Spi - rit in - to ev - 'ry troub - led— breast! Let us all in  
 3 Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us— be; Let us see Thy

1 hum - ble— dwell - ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies— crown. Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 2 Thee in - her - it, Let us find that sec - ond— rest. Take a - way our bent to— sin - ning;  
 3 turn, and— nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples— leave; Thee we would be al - ways— bless - ing,  
 4 great sal - va - tion, Per - fect - ly re - stored in— Thee: changed from glo - ry in - to— glo - ry,

1 pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 2 Al - pha and O - me - ga— be; End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 3 serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect— love.  
 4 'till in heav'n we take our— place, 'till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and— praise.

### Opening Acclamation & Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:*

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

*People:*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Ho - ly One, heaven-ly God, Cre - a - tor and the Al - migh - ty we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. O Je - sus Christ, Be - got - ten of the Cre - a - tor,

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of Ma - jes - ty: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Sa - vior, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of the Tri - une God. A - - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day:*

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.**

**Sunday School**

*Children 12 and under are invited to join Sunday school in the parish house. Children 3 and under should be accompanied by an adult. They will return following the sermon for the Holy Eucharist.*

**First Lesson**

Exodus 3:7-12

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 spacious land, to 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 Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending 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 serve God on this mountain."

*Lector:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10**

*Dixit injustus*

Chant: John Stainer

*The people remain seated as the choir chants the psalm.*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *<br/>and your faithfulness to the clouds.</p> <p>6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,<br/>your justice like the great deep; *<br/>you save both man and beast, O Lord.</p> <p>7 How priceless is your love, O God! *<br/>your people take refuge<br/>under the shadow of your wings.</p> | <p>8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *<br/>you give them drink from the river of your delights.</p> <p>9 For with you is the well of life, *<br/>and in your light we see light.</p> <p>10 Continue your loving-kindness<br/>to those who know you, *<br/>and your favor to those who are true of heart.</p> |
|---|---|

**Second Lesson**

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

"I don't feel no ways tired"

Curtis Burrell

I don't feel no ways tired, I come too far from where I start-ed from; No-bod-y  
told me that the road would be eas-y, I don't be-lieve He brought me this far to leave me.

**The Gospel:**

Luke 6:27-36

*The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

(Jesus said,) "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat 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 asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back 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 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 expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, 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 himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Phillip Bennett

### The Nicene Creed

*The people stand and say together:*

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.  
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.

### Prayers of the People

*After each petition, the people respond with:*

*Intercessor: We pray:*

*People: Be with us and guide us, O God.*

*Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:*

Josh	John	Abigail	Kathy	Cole	Tessa
Sienna Rose	Eric	Holly	Patricia	Charles	Judy
Ozzie	Jean	Claire	Judith	Fatemeh	Alikarami
Mildred	Margaret	Kevin	Pat	Ginger	Doug
Kevin	Johanna	Tina	Connie	Natalie & Ryan	Chris & Don
Esther & Jim	Benedikta and the Pugh family				

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People:*

***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.***

***We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.***

***We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.***

***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Almighty 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 Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

### Announcements

*Thank you to Jill Minick for her care of the St. Peter's Churchyard and her leadership of the Churchyard Gardeners for many years. And welcome to Meredith Piotrowski as she leads the Gardeners in 2025.*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION



*During the Offertory Anthem, ushers will take up an offering. You can also give to St. Peter's electronically through **Venmo @stpetersphila** (our profile appears in the Charities category), by scanning the QR code here, or visiting [www.stpetersphila.org/give-online](http://www.stpetersphila.org/give-online) for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.*

### Offertory Anthem

“Ain’-a that good news”

William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom,  
Ain’-a that good news!  
I’m a-goin’ to lay down this worl’,  
Goin’ a shoulder up-uh my cross,  
Goin’-a take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain’-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom,  
Ain’-a that good news!  
I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom,  
Ain’-a that good news!

### Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;  
praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in every age you have called brave souls, like Martin Luther King Jr., to proclaim righteousness for the transformation of the world, that all may welcome the coming of your holy reign.

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

# Sanctus

Robert Powell

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'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-na in the high- est.

### *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 gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet 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.***

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 Peter 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.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All:*

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen***



**The Breaking of the Bread  
Fraction Anthem**

*Antiphon*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord\_ Je - sus in the break - ing\_ of the bread. **Fine**

*Verses* *All repeat Antiphon*

1 The bread which we break, Al-le - lu - ia, is the com-mun-ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.  
2 One bo - dy are we, Al-le - lu - ia, for though ma - ny we share one\_ bread.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

*This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table.*

*There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.*

*To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. **Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup of wine.** If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

**Communion Anthem**

“Lift every voice and sing”

words: James Weldon Johnson  
music: J. Rosamond Johnson  
arr. Roland M. Carter

Lift every 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.  
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  
through 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.  
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.

1 We shall o-ver-come, We shall o-ver-come, We shall o-ver-come some-day;

2 We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand to-day.

3 God is on our side, God is on our side, God is on our side, to-day.

4 We are not a-fraid, We are not a-fraid, We are not a-fraid, to-day.

5 We shall live in peace, We shall live in peace, We shall live in peace, some-day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do be-lieve, We shall o-ver-come some-day.

We'll walk hand in hand to-day.

God is on our side, to-day.

We are not a-fraid, to-day.

We shall live in peace, some-day.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:  
Let us pray.*

*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 Blessing**

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the light of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*Response:* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Closing Voluntary**

## The St. Peter's Church Rector Transition Search Prayer

*Holy and immortal God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years, we stand before you at a time of transition in the life of St. Peter's Church. We seek your guidance and help to lead us in the direction that will help us fulfill the life-giving ministry of your Church. Protect us from seeking our own will and all that prevents us from following where you may lead. Instill in us a right spirit of love and acceptance. Lead us to a faithful priest and pastor who will care for us and equip us for our ministries. And when we have discerned your will for us, give us the strength and courage to accept it and the resources to accomplish it. All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

### Serving This Morning

<b>Communion Bread Bakers:</b>	Maryfrances Parisi, Barbara Angelini, Barbara Matteucci, Matt Kuentzler, Harrison Stowe, Travis Stewart, Lex Johnson
<b>Broadcast Technician:</b>	Lauri Cielo
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Nora Adelman, Christy Santos
<b>Greeters:</b>	Christine Magne, Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Verger:</b>	Court van Rooten
<b>Sunday School Leader:</b>	Elizabeth Morrison
<b>Sunday School Assistant:</b>	Ann Kell
<b>Lectors:</b>	Court van Rooten, Herb Snyder
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Reverend Dr. Phillip Bennett
<b>Ushers:</b>	Danny Alvarado, Chris Cielo
<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Reverend Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Matt Hall
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Jill Minick
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Christy Santos
<b>Bell Ringer:</b>	Ben Cornelius

*For those who want to remain masked and surrounded by those who are masked,  
there is a mask-required seating area in the church's south side balcony. Please ask an usher if you'd like assistance.*

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

**Sunday:**

9 am – Children's service with songs, stories and activities

9am - Contemplative, spoken worship service

11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

**Tuesday:**

12 noon – Worship service with Holy Eucharist

**THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER'S**

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter's Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

St. Peter's Church  
313 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215) 925-5968 / [www.stpetersphila.org](http://www.stpetersphila.org)  
Parish office hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

**The Rev. Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman, Associate Rector:** [hedgis-kligerman@stpetersphila.org](mailto:hedgis-kligerman@stpetersphila.org)

**The Rev. Dr. Joseph Schaller, Assisting Priest:** [schaller@stpetersphila.org](mailto:schaller@stpetersphila.org)

**Kate Randall, Parish Administrator:** [randall@stpetersphila.org](mailto:randall@stpetersphila.org)

**Dr. Derrick Thompson, EdD, Interim Music Director:** [thompson@stpetersphila.org](mailto:thompson@stpetersphila.org)

**Charles Johnson, Interim Organist:** [johnson@stpetersphila.org](mailto:johnson@stpetersphila.org)

**Lauri Cielo, Director of Communications:** [cielo@stpetersphila.org](mailto:cielo@stpetersphila.org)

**William Lim, Administrative Assistant:** [lim@stpetersphila.org](mailto:lim@stpetersphila.org)



Open hearts. Open minds.



Sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter at [www.stpetersphila.org](http://www.stpetersphila.org).  
Follow St. Peter's on Facebook and Instagram @stpetersphila.