



January 17, 2021
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Martin Luther King Weekend
Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am
Vestry Discussion after Service

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Members of the Vestry:

Susan Edmondson, Warden
Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman,
Steve Ketcham, Lisa Ruggiero,
Wayne Stochaj, Peach Warren,

Musicians:

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson,
Beth Stochaj, Jeff Lukas

*God remove all bitterness from my heart and
give me the strength and courage to face any
disaster that comes my way.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

This Weekend at Trinity:

Sunday:

9am – Morning Prayer on Zoom. The link will be sent by email on Saturday

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00-11:30 am Private Holy Communion in the church

2 pm Youth Group preparations for MLK lunch at Trinity Kitchen

5-6:30 pm Sacred Ground Session “Selective access to the melting pot & the American dream”

This Week at Trinity

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Parish Office will be open Tuesday– Thursday: 10am – 2 pm.

Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] or email.

Monday 7:15 am – Zoom Meditation: the link will be sent by email on Sunday

Monday 11am – noon Takeout lunch organized by the Youth Group

Wednesday 10 am – Morning Prayer on Zoom: the link will be sent by email on Wednesday morning

Thursday 4 pm – Grab n Go meals at Trinity

Thursday 7pm – Profile Committee Meeting on Zoom

Friday – Noon – Bible Study on Zoom: John the Beloved Disciple. The link will be sent by email

Musical Notes: Special Music in honor of Martin Luther King Day

Both the prelude and congregational hymn for January 17th are from the rich African-American tradition of music. *My Lord, What a Mornin’* is one of several spirituals harmonized and arranged by American composer and arranger, Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). Because of his association with a number of late 19th century greats, including Antonin Dvorak, Burleigh gained recognition as a respected African-American musician. In 1894 he accepted the position as soloist at St. Georges Episcopal Church, NYC. Despite objections because of his ethnic background, Burleigh maintained the position for fifty years.

Lift Every Voice and Sing with words by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and music by J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) is considered the “Black national anthem.” Although born in Jacksonville, Florida, after studies in

the United States and abroad, the brothers settled in New York City. Our organ builder, Tim Smith, was the organist/choir director at one time in the church in NYC long-associated with the Johnson brothers.

Randy Bloom, Minister of Music

Vestry Highlights: January 11, 2021

Resolved:

- ✓ Approval of Letters of Understanding for Randolph Bloom & Rachel Carpenter
- ✓ Approval of 2021 Budget
- ✓ Approval of a fundraising committee for 2021

Discussion:

- ✓ Review of the Annual Meeting Agenda
 - Review of candidates for election
 - Planning for Vestry role
- ✓ Thanks and appreciation to outgoing Wardens & Vestry Members: Ginny Starkis, Susan Edmondson, Peach Warren, Lisa Ruggiero, Joan Campbell, and Grace Prevelige

***Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Take out Lunch sponsored by
the Senior High Youth Group
Distribution of winter coats from
Sacred Heart of Jesus Roman Catholic Church***

**TRINITY PARISH
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2021
9 am on Zoom
AGENDA**

Opening Prayers

- I. Appointment of a Clerk of the Meeting
- II. Message from Bishop Fisher
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Meeting
- IV. Nominations for Election
 - a. Voting by poll
- V. Report of the Wardens
 - a. Highlights of 2020: Overview of Annual Reports
 - i. Highlights: New and changed ministries
 - ii. What have we done well?
- VI. Report of the Profile Committee: Preview of the Profile
- VII. Report of the Treasurer:
 - a. 2020 Year-end Balance Sheet
 - b. Review: 2021 Budget
- VIII. Appreciation: Leadership during 2020
- IX. Commissioning of New Vestry and Officers

Closing Prayers



Meditation for Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend January 17, 2021

Follow me. . . . [John 1:43]

Come and see. . . [John 1:46]

"God still has a way of wringing good out of evil. And history has proven over and over again that unmerited suffering is redemptive. The innocent blood of these little girls may well serve as a redemptive force that will bring new light to this dark city...And so I stand here to say this afternoon to all assembled here, that in spite of the darkness of this hour, we must not despair. We must not become bitter, nor must we harbor the desire to retaliate with violence. . . . Somehow we must believe that the most misguided among them can learn to respect the dignity and the worth of human personality."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Sunday we will hear the story of the call of Philip and Nathanael to become disciples of Jesus, as told in the Gospel of John. The key words in this story give us a fresh perspective on evangelism. *Come and see*, says Philip to Nathanael, echoing the words that Jesus said to him,

Come and see Philip says to those of us who, like Nathanael, say "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*"

Come and see what God is doing in our hearts and our lives.

Come and see what God makes possible.

Come and see God's purpose for you: *I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

Come and see, the Lord says to us—

Come and see the work that I have set before you—

to recognize and honor each other's gifts

to be good stewards of the blessings I have bestowed on you

to support and challenge each other

to share all that I have given you for your community

Come and see the cross that stands before you, an absolute and unshakable reality: look at it fearlessly and it will become a prism through which you will see that you are not alone.

Come and stand in the shadow of my cross, and I will *make [your] footing sure and [I] will put a new song in [your] mouth.*

Eleonora Stump:

The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It isn't thunder and lightning or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known to you.

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: the Taylor, Capone & Robeson Families; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Michael Lambert; Brad Gustavesen; Arlene Person; Aretha Liverpool; Ray & Enid; Rita & Dick Cronan; Liz Pekkala; Charles Gustavesen; Karin Tourtellotte; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

The Deceased: Dominic Taylor and Anthony Louis Capone

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Troy Holske; Michael Descoteaux; Kevin McMillen; Cathy Ellis; Kenedy McGovern; Aurora Cantillon; Vicki Hasselbacher; Becca Cook; Ron Gorham; Elaine Sarah; Heidi Moeller; Erich Hasselbacher; Diane Karakehian; Katie Hutchins; Amy Cortese; Deirdre D'Urso; Phoebe Burke; Mary Beth Sweet; and Cheryl Gladwin.

**The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church
are**

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest

Randy Bloom, Minister of Music, Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator
Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton
Ginny Starkis, Senior Warden; Susan Edmondson, Junior Warden
and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts
led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Our Mission Statement:

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ
and the Power of the Holy Spirit,
through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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