



**Sabbath Worship Service
Commemorating the Life and Legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Temple Emanu-El and The Abyssinian Baptist Church
Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
One East 65th Street, New York City



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COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Organ Preludes:	Deep River	arr. David Hurd
	Deep River	arr. Adolphus Hailstork
	We Shall Overcome	arr. Adolphus Hailstork
	Adoration	Florence Price

Lift Every Voice and Sing	Rosamond Johnson, arr. Roland Carter
Candle Blessing	A. W. Binder arr. Charles Davidson
Bar'chu/Sh'ma	Max Janowski/Salomon Sulzer
Mi Chamocha	Meir Finkelstein
V'sham'ru	Meir Finkelstein
Adonai, S'fatai Tiftach	Traditional
Mi Shebeirach	Debbie Freedman

Mi shebeirach avoteinu m'kor habracha l'imoteinu. May the source of strength, who blessed the ones before us, help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, and let us say, amen. Mi shebeirach imoteinu m'kor habracha l'avoteinu. Bless those in need of healing with r'fua sh'leima the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say, amen.

Listen to the Lambs	Robert Nathaniel Dett
Available to You	Carlis Moody, Jr.

MESSAGE

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Total Praise	Richard Smallwood
Adoration	Max Helfman
Oseh Shalom	Spanish Portuguese
Kiddush	Louis Lewandowski/A. W. Binder
Amen Shem Nora (drummer: Jared Garner)	Sephardic, arr. Matthew Lazar

BENEDICTION

Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson and Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

We Shall Overcome	Traditional
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Organ Postlude:	Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho	arr. Fela Sowande
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” 1963

I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. We can never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was “legal” and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was “illegal.” It was “illegal” to aid and comfort a Jew in Hitler’s Germany. But I am sure that, if I had lived in Germany during that time, I would have aided and comforted my Jewish brothers even though it was illegal. If I lived in a [totalitarian] country today where certain principles dear to [our religious] faith are suppressed, I believe I would openly advocate disobeying these anti-religious laws.

When justice burns within us like a flaming fire, when love evokes willing sacrifice from us, when, to the last full measure of selfless devotion, we demonstrate our belief in the ultimate triumph of truth and righteousness, then Your goodness enters our lives; then You live within our hearts, and we through righteousness behold Your presence.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Stride Toward Freedom*, 1958

In every movement toward freedom some of the oppressed prefer to remain oppressed. Almost twenty-eight hundred years ago Moses set out to lead the children of Israel from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land. He soon discovered that slaves do not always welcome their deliverers. They become accustomed to being slaves. They would rather bear those ills they have, as Shakespeare pointed out, than to flee to others that they know not of.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, Oslo, 1964

I refuse to accept despair as the final response to the ambiguities of history. I refuse to accept the idea that the “isness” of man’s present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal “oughtness” that forever confronts him. I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.

Silent Meditation: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., March on Washington, 1963

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of “interposition” and “nullification” – one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today! I have a dream that

one day every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. And this will be the day – this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, From every mountainside, let freedom ring!" And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

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I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant. I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow. I believe that wounded justice, lying prostrate on the blood-flowing streets of our nations, can be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men. I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up. I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive good will proclaim the rule of the land. "And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall be afraid." I still believe that we shall overcome! This faith can give us courage to face the uncertainties of the future. It will give our tired feet new strength as we continue our forward stride toward the city of freedom. When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds and our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, we will know that we are living in the creative turmoil of a genuine civilization struggling to be born.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "I've Been to the Mountaintop," Memphis, 1968

Like anybody, I would like to live a long life — longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land.

We Shall Overcome

**We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**

**We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**

**We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**

**We are not afraid,
We are not afraid,
We are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**

**God will see us through,
God will see us through,
God will see us through today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe. We shall overcome someday.**



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