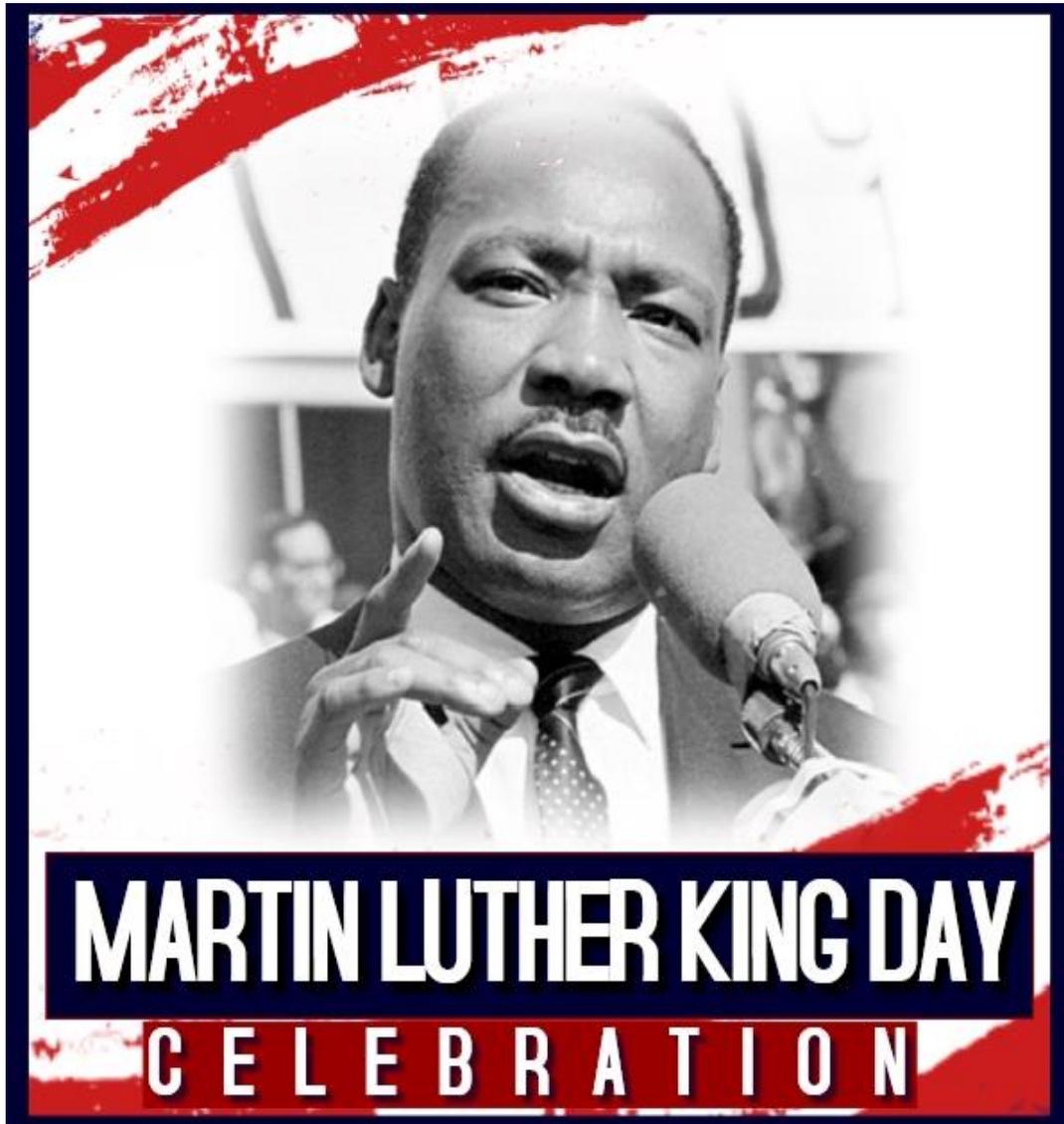


ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO EPISCOPAL CHURCH

290 HENRY STREET
NEW YORK NY 10002



Monday, January 16, 2023

12:00pm



The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre, *Rector*

Antara R. Haggins, *Guest Speaker*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude **Give Me Jesus** Marques Garrett
Opening Hymn **We Have Come into His House** #245 (LEVAS)

The Welcome

The Collect: Loving 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 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.*

The First Reading Exodus 3:7-12
The Response Psalm 77:11-20
The Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20
Hymn **There Is a Balm in Gilead (3)** #203 (LEVAS)
The Gospel Luke 6:27-36
Speaker **Evangelist Antara R. Haggins**

The Thanksgiving of National Life

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land, and for women and men who remind us of our responsibility to conserve and protect the precious resources of the earth.

People ***Help us to conserve your bounty***

Leader We thank you for the women and men who have made this country strong and have reminded us of the equality that should exist among all human beings. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People ***We ask you to inspire and challenge us.***

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

People ***We ask you to enlighten and renew us.***

Leader We thank you for the diversity of people and faith that have enriched this land and that a spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood may overthrow the demonic power of racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, and religious persecution.

People ***We thank you Lord and ask that you forgive our shortcomings and strengthen us to build a beautiful city, nation, and world where peace and justice flow like rushing water.***



Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement from 1954 until his death in 1968. Born in Atlanta, GA, King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience tactics, that his Christian beliefs and the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi helped inspire. In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile, he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

Fifty-five years after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., St. Augustine's Church commemorates his legacy by fulfilling King's call for a revered community. St. Augustine's Historic Slave Galleries serve as a reminder of the early stories of segregation and how "black churches" produced leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Today, St. Augustine's Church continues to play a role in changing our society. We actively seek to enhance spirituality and community while we continue to honor our history/ministry and empower our future.

Glory and Honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church
The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre, Rector
Ms. Carolyn Bensen, Director of Music
Ushers/Altar Assistants

Thank You!