

January 17
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering Music

“Adoration” Florence
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arr. B Price -
- First Black woman
composer to have
her work performed
by a professional
orchestra

Welcome and Greeting

Marching To Zion 733

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Chorus

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

Chorus

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Chorus

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

Chorus

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“We can move in that direction as a country, in greater polarization – black people amongst blacks, and white amongst whites, filled with hatred toward one another. Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King Jr. did, to understand and to comprehend, and replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand, compassion and love.... What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness, but is love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.” —Robert F. Kennedy

Band members:

1 "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

2 "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

3 "The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

4 "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

We'll Understand It Better By And By 525

1. We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by.

2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands,
want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands;
we are trusting in the Lord, and according to God's word,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

3. Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

4. Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain:

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Band members:

1 "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."

2 "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

3 "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

4 "Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 2153

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work . . .

3. I'm gonna pray . . .

4. I'm gonna sing . . .

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Opening Prayer

Time for Young Christians

Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Way Maker

1 You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, changing destinies; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, turning lives around; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working miracles; I worship you, I worship you.

Chorus

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in darkness,
my God, that is who you are.
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in darkness,
my God, that is who you are.

2 You are here, touching every heart; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, healing every life; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, turning lives around; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, mending every heart; I worship you, I worship you.

Chorus

Bridge:

Even when I don't see it, you're working; even when I don't feel it, you're working.
You never stop, you never stop working, you never stop, you never stop working.

Chorus

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Scripture John 1:43-51

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Sermon Under the Fig Tree

Lead Me, Guide Me 2214

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

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Action Steps

Benediction

Postlude

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