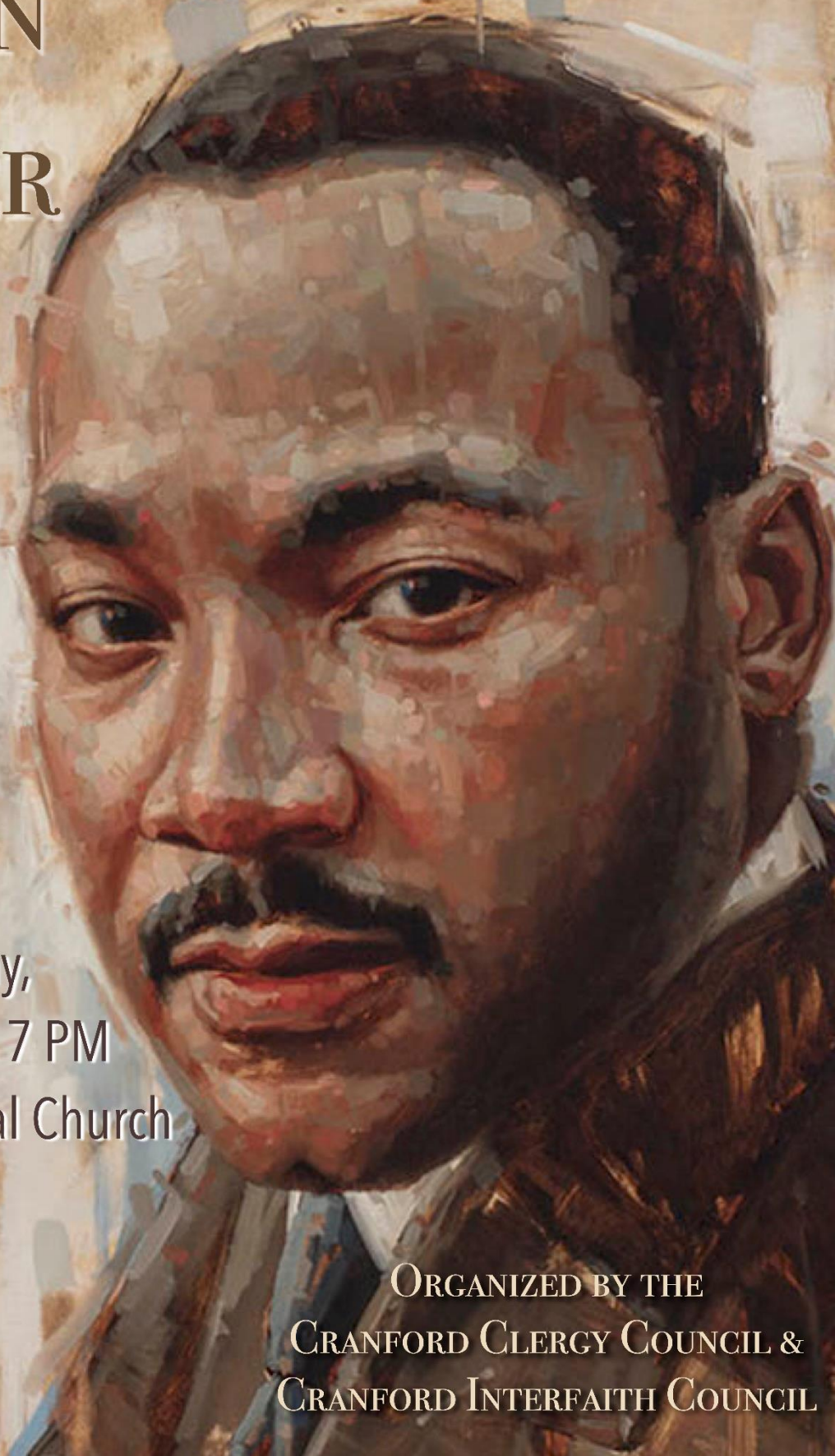


# MARTIN LUTHER KING

JR. Interfaith  
Service

Thursday,  
January 25, 7 PM  
Trinity Episcopal Church

ORGANIZED BY THE  
CRANFORD CLERGY COUNCIL &  
CRANFORD INTERFAITH COUNCIL



### **The Cranford Clergy Council**

Pastor Gunnar Anderson – Calvary Lutheran  
Rev. Jin Bae – First Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Deborah Brooks – St. Mark AME Church  
Rev. Alfred Brown – First Baptist Church  
Rabbi Paul Kerbel – Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim  
Rev. Hyun Hui Kim – Cranford United Methodist Church  
Rev. Andrew Kruger – Trinity Episcopal Church  
Rev. Tom Rice – Alliance Church  
Pastor Connie Salerno – Calvary Tabernacle  
Rev. Marc Vicari – St. Michael Roman Catholic Church

### **The Cranford Interfaith Council**

Carol Straffi – Alliance Church  
Cindy Hannen – St. Michael Roman Catholic Church  
Harriet Mazur – Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim  
Laurie Westra – Alliance Church  
Linda Leifer – Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim  
Paula Figman – Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim  
Phyllis Howard – First Presbyterian Church  
Renee Herz – Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim  
Robin Marko – Calvary Lutheran  
Skip Winter – First Presbyterian Church

### **Choir**

Anthony J. Rafaniello – Director & Organist  
The Cranford High School Madrigal Choir  
The Cranford High School Treble and Tenor/Bass Chorus

### **Trinity Episcopal Day School**

Nancy Ditzel – Director  
Shanequa Ely – Curriculum Coordinator  
The children's art on display was created by the students of TEDS

*The bell is rung and the people stand for the procession.*

**Processional Hymn**

Lift Every Voice & Sing 1



1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en  
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning  
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y  
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;

1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has  
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the  
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new  
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we  
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -

1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 2. stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## Welcome

*Rabbi Paul Kerbel welcomes the assembly on behalf of the Cranford Clergy Council*

*Mayor Brian Andrews welcomes the assembly on behalf of the Township*

## Gathering Hymn

LEVAS 46



1. Ho - ly God, you raise up proph-ets; Praise and hon - or do we sing,  
2. Mo - ral con-science of his na - tion, Re - con - cil - ing black and white,  
3. Teach - er of Christ - like non - vio-lence To the out-cast, poor and meek;

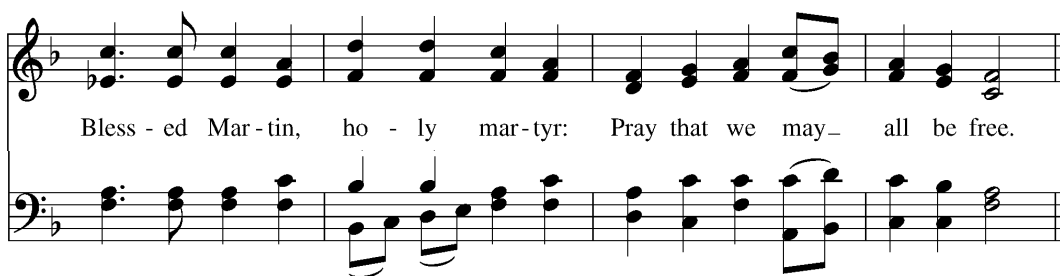


1. For your faith-ful, hum - ble ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar-tin Luth - er King.  
2. Dreamed he of a just so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on his fight.  
3. Great - er weap-on 'gainst op - pres - sion Is to turn the o - ther cheek.

*Refrain*



Bless - ed Mar-tin, pas - tor, proph-et, you the moun-tain - top did see;



Bless - ed Mar-tin, ho - ly mar-tyr: Pray that we may\_ all be free.

6. So, when felled by sniper's bullet,  
Under heavens overcast,  
He could cry, "Thank God Almighty,  
I am free, I'm free at last!"

*Refrain*

## Collect

Lesser Feasts and Fasts alt.

*Rev. Hyun Hui Kim says*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that we, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of love, and may secure liberty for all people. **Amen.**

## Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 37:5-11

*Rev. Marc Vicari*      A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

*Rev. Marc Vicari*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

## A Call to Justice and Brotherhood *[sic]*

Rabbi Paul Kerbel

Justice, justice shall you pursue,  
That you may live in your land.

*Love your neighbor as yourself;  
Hate not your brother in your heart.*

The strangers who sojourn with you,  
Shall be as the natives among you;

*You shall love them as yourselves,  
For you were strangers in the land of Egypt.*

Have we not all one Father?  
Has not one God created us?

*Why then do we deal treacherously,  
One against another?*

Give of your bread to the hungry;  
Bring the poor that are cast out into your house.

*Hate evil and love what is good,  
Yea, establish justice in the land.*

Let justice well up as water,  
And righteousness as a mighty stream;

*For righteousness and justice  
Are the foundation of God's throne.*

The Lord of hosts is exalted through righteousness,  
And God, the Holy One, is sanctified through justice.

*Words: Based on Biblical Verses*

## **Reading from the Christian Scriptures**

Luke 6:27-36

*Rev. Alfred Brown*      A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse 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 begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them 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 hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But 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 is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Rev. Alfred Brown*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Deborah Brooks

*Silence*

## **Offertory Sentence**

Rev. Tom Rice

*Rev Rice introduces the purpose of the offertory.*

## Offertory Anthem

"I Dream A World" – André Thomas

Text by Langston Hughes

Of such I dream.  
I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace its paths adorn  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul  
Nor avarice blights our day.

A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth  
And every man is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all mankind-  
Of such I dream,  
I dream a world.

## Offertory Blessing

Rev. Tom Rice

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to offer.  
May they be a source of hope and inspiration to those who are awarded scholarships. **Amen.**

## Presentation of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Civil and Human Rights

*Ms Cindy Hannen describes the history and tradition of the award.*

*Mr. Skip Winter shares his motivation for nominating Msgr. Tim Shugrue and presents the award.*

*Msgr. Tim Shugrue receives the award and shares a short speech.*

## Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, selected

*Rev. Jin Bae says*

Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. **Amen.**

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land. **Amen.**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” – Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you.  
  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace,  
Amen.

## **A Franciscan Blessing**

Rev. Andrew Kruger

May God bless you with discomfort,  
at easy answers, half-truths,  
and superficial relationships  
so that you may live  
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression,  
and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for  
justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,  
to shed for those who suffer pain,  
rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand  
to comfort them and  
to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you  
with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can  
make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do  
what others claim cannot be done,  
to bring justice and kindness  
to all our children and the poor.  
**Amen.**



## Recessional Hymn

LEVAS 181

*The Clergy recess.*



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound, That  
2. 'Twas grace that taught— my heart to fear, And  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
5. When we've been there— ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me!— I once was lost, but  
2. grace my fears re - lieved;— How pre - cious did that  
3. word my hope se - cures;— He will my shield and  
4. have al - read - y come;— 'Tis grace that brought me  
5. shin - ing as the sun,— We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now— I see.—  
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first— be - lieved!—  
3. por - tion be As long as life— en - dures.—  
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead— me home.—  
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first— be - gun.—

***All are invited to Sherlock Hall immediately after the service for the reception.***

“The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community.

It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friends.

It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men. [sic]”

– The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**The 2024 recipient of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award**  
**The Rev. Msgr. Timothy Shugrue**  
**pastor emeritus of St. Michael Church, Cranford.**

Msgr. Timothy Shugrue is a native of Elizabeth, NJ. He was educated in Blessed Sacrament Elementary School there and at Seton Hall Prep in South Orange, later graduating from Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, with a master's degree in Systematic Theology. He was ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1973.

He served first at St. Aedan Parish in Jersey City, then as Chaplain at Essex Catholic High School in Newark and East Orange. In 1979 he was named Director of the Archdiocese's Formation Program for the Permanent Diaconate and later became Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.

In 1991 he returned to parish life as a parochial vicar at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Bayonne, and in June of that year was assigned as Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Montclair. He was named a Chaplain of His Holiness with the title 'Monsignor' in 1996.

After 18 years in Montclair, he came to Cranford as a parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish, later succeeding Fr. John McGovern as Pastor in 2011. In 2023 Msgr. Shugrue celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination and retired from assigned ministry. He currently resides with his sister in Westfield and remains busy assisting in local parishes with Masses and other sacraments.

From his first assignment as a priest, he has been active in ecumenical and interfaith groups, and is grateful for the many friendships he has enjoyed with fellow clergy and their congregations, valuing especially the focus on fostering respect and understanding among people in the wider community.

## Cranford Clergy Council

### Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Recipients

<b>1981</b> James H. Williams, St. Mark AME Church	<b>2003</b> Sally and Jim Harrington, St. Michael Church
<b>1982</b> Sharon S. Heard, Calvary Lutheran Church	<b>2003</b> Murray Rose, Temple Beth EL Mekor Chayim
<b>1982</b> Audrey F. Smithers, Calvary Lutheran Church	<b>2004</b> Marty Metzger, Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim
<b>1983</b> Edward K. Gill, First Presbyterian Church	<b>2004</b> Mary Alyce Torpy, St. Michael Church
<b>1984</b> Rev. Milton T. Mason, St. Mark AME Church	<b>2005</b> Albert Forsythe, St. Michael Church
<b>1985</b> Rev. Arnold J. Dahlquist, Calvary Lutheran Church	<b>2005</b> Joan Rose, Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim
<b>1986</b> Rachel Brantley, St. Mark AME Church	<b>2006</b> The Cranford First Aid Squad
<b>1987</b> Edythe B. Lambert, First Baptist Church	<b>2006</b> Alfred Brown, First Baptist Church
<b>1988</b> Edith K. Coogan, St. Michael Church	<b>2007</b> Lillie M. Brown, First Baptist Church
<b>1989</b> Henry T. Pryor, Heard's AME Church	<b>2007</b> Robin Marko, Calvary Lutheran Church
<b>1990</b> Linda S. Leifer, Temple Beth El	<b>2009</b> Gerald Paradiso, St. Michael Church
<b>1990</b> Harry Wilde, Cranford United Methodist Church	<b>2009</b> Sharon Tobin, St. Michael Church
<b>1991</b> Joan Collins, Cranford United Methodist Church	<b>2011</b> Mary Herbst, Calvary Lutheran Church
<b>1992</b> Sylvia Sidoti, Church of the Assumption	<b>2012</b> Cleo D'Cruz, St. Michael Church
<b>1993</b> Edna Silvey, First Presbyterian Church	<b>2012</b> Sister Maureen D'Auria, Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
<b>1994</b> Dr. Ralph Oriscello, Elizabeth General Medical Center	<b>2014</b> Janice Grevious, First Presbyterian Church
<b>1995</b> Arlene and James Walsh, St. Michael Church	<b>2015</b> Pat Jurpalis, Calvary Lutheran Church
<b>1995</b> Herb Ditzel III, Cranford United Methodist Church	<b>2016</b> Jean and Bob Wands, First Presbyterian Church
<b>1996</b> Kathleen Willis, St. Michael Church	<b>2017</b> Catherine Felegi, First Presbyterian Church
<b>1997</b> Larry Fuhro, St. Michael Church	<b>2018</b> Kevin Mahoney, St. Michael Church
<b>1997</b> Robert Fridlington	<b>2019</b> Cindy Hannen, St. Michael Church
<b>1998</b> Rabbi Ronald Hoffberg, Temple Beth El	<b>2020</b> Skip Winter, First Presbyterian Church
<b>1999</b> Marie Seavy, Calvary Lutheran Church	<b>2022</b> Patricia A. Carter, St. Mark AME Church
<b>2000</b> Catherine & Edward Queenan, St. Helen RC Church	<b>2023</b> Phyllis Dunlop, First Presbyterian Church
<b>2001</b> Rev. Deborah Wolfe, First Baptist Church	<b>2024</b> Msgr. Timothy Shugrue, St. Michaels Church
<b>2002</b> Kathy and Hugh Welsh, St. Michael Church	

## **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta. As the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, he was steeped in the Black Church tradition. To this heritage he added a thorough academic preparation, earning the degrees of BA, BD, and PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University. In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama. There, Black indignation at inhumane treatment on segregated buses culminated in December 1955, in the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. King was catapulted into national prominence as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. Increasingly, he became the articulate prophet, who could not only rally the Black masses, but could also move the consciences of Whites. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to spearhead non-violent mass demonstrations against racism. Many confrontations followed, most notably in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, and in Chicago. King's campaigns were instrumental to the passage of the Civil Rights acts of 1964, 1965 and 1968. King then turned his attention to economic empowerment of the poor and opposition to the Vietnam War, contending that racism, poverty and militarism were interrelated. King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, "Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice," and promising never to leave him alone – "No, never alone." King refers to his vision as his "Mountain-top Experience." After preaching at Washington Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King went to Memphis in support of sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages. There, he proclaimed that he had been "to the mountain-top" and had seen "the Promised Land," and that he knew that one day he and his people would be "free at last." On the following day, April 4, he was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

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*August 28, 2023 marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, which he delivered to a crowd of more than 250,000 from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC during the seminal "March on Washington" (above). Half a century later, the speech resonates as one of the most pivotal and indelible moments of the American Civil Rights Movement.*