

Upper School Chapel
Monday, January 23, 2012

As we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the call of the prophet Samuel and the disciple Nathanael are appropriate readings for today. In reading Samuel's story, we find the story of all prophets who have been called to speak out for God's ways of justice and righteousness. In the Gospel of John, we read the story of the call of Nathanael, a disciple not mentioned in the other Gospels. Nathanael is skeptical and honest about his thoughts and doubtful about Jesus. Jesus "knows" Nathanael and that makes all the difference in Nathanael's new perception!

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

The following prayer is offered in celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. born on January 15, 1929. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968.

From the Episcopal Prayer Book of Lesser Feast and Fasts:

Almighty 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, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson: I Samuel 3: 1-10

Psalm 139: 1-6

John 1: 43-51

The Sermon

The Prayers of Intercession

Birthday Blessings

St. Luke's Episcopal School Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing and Dismissal