



San Francisco Interfaith Council

*Celebrating our diverse faiths & spiritual traditions
Bringing people together to build understanding
Serving our community*

**Interfaith Prayer Service
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Celebration**

“True Peace and Equal Justice For All”

True peace is not merely the
absence of tension:
it is the
presence
of justice.



**Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade
Monday, January 16, 2023**

Sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council

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Yerba Buena Gardens Festival
Providence Foundation San Francisco
The Tabernacle Community Development Corporation*

*Parade Coordinator: Brother G.L. Hodge, Past Chair, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Program Coordinator: Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Adams, Jr., Pastor, Providence Baptist Church and
Board Member, San Francisco Interfaith Council*

Processional Song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Julia Ward Howe)

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires
Of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar
In the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence
By the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men
Before His judgement seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him;
Be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free;
While God is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

Introduction of Ceremony

*Aaron Grizzell, Executive Director
Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Foundation*

Welcome

*Rev. Dr. Leroy E. Adams, Jr., Pastor, Providence Baptist Church of San Francisco and
Board Member, San Francisco Interfaith Council*

Invocation

*Dr. James McCray, Executive Director
Tabernacle Community Development Corporation*

Introduction of Interfaith Youth Participants

*Brother G.L. Hodge, Past Chair, San Francisco Interfaith Council
Mattie Scott, Founder and Executive Director, Healing 4 Our Families*

Musical Selection “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson)

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been
watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood
of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where
we met Thee

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we
forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land
Our native land

Reflection on the Theme from Interfaith Youth Participants

Muslim

Unitarian Universalist

Jewish

Buddhist

Christian

Poetry Recitation

Marvin K. White, Minister of Celebration, GLIDE

Closing Remarks

Aaron Grizzell, Executive Director

Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Foundation

Musical Selection “We Shall Overcome” (*Charles Albert Tindley*)

We shall overcome; We shall overcome; We shall overcome some day! Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day!

We’ll walk hand in hand; We’ll walk hand in hand; We’ll walk hand in hand some day! Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We’ll walk hand in hand some day!

We shall all be free; We shall all be free; We shall all be free some day! Deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall all be free some day!

We are not alone; We are not alone; We are not alone some day! Deep in my heart, I do believe, We are not alone some day!

We shall overcome; We shall overcome; We shall overcome some day! Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome some day!

Benediction

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop
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