

THE SERVICE OF MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION
FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Founding President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
1957-1968

Thursday, May 2, 1968
10:30 AM

The Lorraine Motel
Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Presiding

THE LOVING SISTERS OF ARKANSAS

FREEDOM SONGS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, Whose mercies cannot be numbered, Accept our
Prayers of Thanksgiving and our songs of Praise which we
at this time offer as our memorial to the life and good example
of thy Servant, Martin Luther King, Jr.

O come let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before
the Lord our maker, he is our God and we are the people of
his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

A HYMN - One of Dr. King's Favorites

"ROCK OF AGES"

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which
flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and
make me pure.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close
in death, When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold thee
on thy throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide
myself in thee. Amen.

THE INVOCATION - Bishop J. O. Patterson, Pastor, Pentecostal Temple Church
of God in Christ

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

THE LEADER

Thou gave us one, who, as the grandson of a slave was raised to
become the servant of his people

THE PEOPLE

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE LEADER

Thou gave us one who, in a time of strife brought Peace and
was given the Nobel Prize

THE PEOPLE

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE LEADER

Thou gave us one who spoke in eloquent words, but ever more
eloquently in deed - A drum Major in the march to Freedom.

A STATEMENT BY

Mrs, Coretta King

THE PRESENTATION By

The family

A PRESENTATION BY

Reyes Lopez Tejerina

THE PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

For the Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

FOR THE PEOPLE OF MEMPHIS

By Rev. B. L. Hooks, Pastor, Middle Baptist Church Memphis

A HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly"

THE MEMORIAL AND DEDICATORY LITANY

For Martin Luther King, Jr.

LEADER

He lifted up Love, Thrusting its light into the deep darkness
that had been cast over this land for more than three centuries.

PEOPLE

We thank thee, O lord, for thy love that radiated through his life

LEADER

He used thy love as a weapon to break the hardness of hate that
was freezing the hearts and binding the minds of America.

PEOPLE

We thank thee, O lord for thy love that directed his way in reshaping
a people

LEADER

With thy wisdom he dared to dream of a day when Love would possess the land and when the oppression of a people would be overcome.

PEOPLE

We thank thee, O lord, for his dream that reflected thy will.

LEADER

His God took him to a high place where his eyes saw the fulfillment of a promise and the glory of the Lord.

PEOPLE

We thank thee, O lord, that he could see where our eyes were blind and that he held forth the promise for which our hearts cried out.

LEADER

HE offered his life happily as a sacrificial gift to be used by his lord in a redemptive work.

PEOPLE

We thank thee for his labor of love that lifted the horizons of hope.

LEADER

He stood as a star against a dark sky and let light burst forth in the night.

PEOPLE

We dedicate the star in this stone, as it points to his star circling high in the universe and blazing into all of life.

LEADER

Like those men of old who saw a star and were wise enough to follow it, let our steps be led by the light which he continues to cast.

PEOPLE

We vow to follow that star.

LEADER

He carried the cross of a nation and suffered under the sickness of a people.

PEOPLE

We dedicate the cross in this stone to mark his sacrifice of love.

LEADER

Here, where his earthly life was ended, let us pledge to continue his work and to make our own sacrifices in order to bring the new beginning of which he dreamed.

PEOPLE

Following his spirit by the light of his star and the sufferings of his cross we move from this place to the Nation's Capital to redeem the Soul of America.

THE UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL MARKER

Mrs. Coretta King

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

"LET THIS REJECTED ROCK BECOME THE FOUNDATION STONE
FOR A NEW BUILDING OF JUSTICE IN THIS LAND!"

A SOLO

"If I Can Help Somebody" Lee Cunningham

THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Samuel B. Kyle, Pastor, Monumental Baptist Church Memphis

THE MOVEMENT

"THE DAYS OF WEEPING ARE ENDED

THE DAY OF THE MARCH HAS COME!"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

Rutha Ford

~~Chapman~~

~~Chapman~~

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