

MLK50 Forward Preaching Resources Guide

Theme - “Together We Win with Love for Humanity”

On April 4, 1968, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most influential preachers in human history, was killed in Memphis, TN as he advocated for the fair treatment and dignity of that city’s sanitation workers. Dr. King’s ministry is one of the foremost examples of the social significance of preaching, which transcends the pulpit and the local congregation to transform society at large. In recognition of the transformational nature of Dr. King’s life and ministry as well as the continued divine call for socially significant prophetic preaching, the Academy of Preachers joins with preachers around the globe by encouraging all preachers in our network to incorporate the MLK50 Forward theme, “Together We Win with Love for Humanity,” in their sermons on April 7 & 8, 2018. Below are links to background resources that may aid in sermon preparation on this theme.

*Please send video clips and/or manuscript excerpts from your sermons on this theme to info@academyofpreachers.net so that we can highlight them on our website and social media channels.

Lectionary Texts for Sunday April 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35 — Psalm 133 — 1 John 1-2:2 — John 20:19-31

- Revised Common Lectionary resources from Vanderbilt Divinity Library: [Click here](#)
- Lectionary Resources from www.textweek.com: [Click here](#)

Readings and Other Resources

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Six Steps and Principles of Nonviolent Social Change (from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change): [Click here](#)
- “America’s Chief Moral Dilemma” (Also known as “The Three Evils Speech.” Delivered at the Butler Street YMCA, Hungry Club Forum, Atlanta, GA, May 10, 1967. From The King Center Archives – [Click here](#) – and Atlantic Magazine – [Click here](#) -)
- Dr. King’s Nobel Peace Prize Speech “The WorldHouse,” 1964 – [Click here](#) – (also edited as the final chapter of Dr. King’s book *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community*, 1967, Beacon Press). [Click here](#)
- Book: *Strength to Love*, Martin Luther King Jr., 1963, Harper & Row (Manuscript Draft, King Center Archives – [Click here](#) -. Special Edition republished in 2010 by Fortress Press with an introduction by Mrs. Coretta Scott King – [Click here](#) -)

