



# Dr. King and the Cloud

## *A Service of Worship and Witness*

### *Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab*

#### Good Friday — 2018

Morning Song

Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean & Benjamin Mertz

Welcome

Janet Cordes Gibson

Honoring the Land and the Ancestors

Rafael Jesús González

Invocation

Song: "I Dream" (Benjamin Mertz)

Benjamin Mertz

choreography led by Carla DeSola with congregational response

Nuclear Update

Scott Yundt

Responsive Reading

led by Vivian Zelaya and Kathleen Robbiano

**Leader 1:** In the wasteland of war, the expenditure of resources knows no restraints; here our abundance is fully recognized and enthusiastically squandered.<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 2:** A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. — Psalm 33: 15-17<sup>2</sup>

**The People Together:** *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 1:** Racism and its perennial ally — economic exploitation — provide the key to understanding most of the international complications of this generation.<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 2:** God Almighty and Glorious says: O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden among you, so do not oppress one another. — Hadith Qudsi<sup>2</sup>

**The People Together:** *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 1:** The large power blocs talk passionately of pursuing peace while expanding defense budgets that already bulge, enlarging already awesome armies and devising ever more devastating weapons. . . . The heads of all the nations issue clarion calls for peace, yet they come to the peace table accompanied by bands of brigands, each bearing unsheathed swords.<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 2:** Then Jesus said to Peter: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." — Matthew 26:52<sup>2</sup>

**The People Together:** *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 1:** Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war .... True nonviolence is more than the absence of violence. It is the persistent and determined application of peaceable power to offenses against the community — in this case the world community.<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 2:** However many holy words you read, however many you speak, what good will they do you if you do not act upon them? — the Buddha<sup>3</sup>

**The People Together:** *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 1:** A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to humankind as a whole to preserve

the best in their individual societies. This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all people.<sup>1</sup>

**Leader 2:** There are horses of many colors — brown, black, yellow, white — yet it is all one horse. So cattle, so all living things — animals, flowers, trees. So people: in this land where once were only Indians are now humanity of every color — white, black, yellow, red — yet all one people. That this should come to pass was in the heart of the Great Mystery. It is right thus. And everywhere there shall be peace.

— Hiamovi, High Chief among the Cheyennes and the Dakotas, 1907<sup>4</sup>

**The People Together:** *We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation.*<sup>1</sup>

**Leaders & People Together:** *We must move past indecision to action. We must find new ways to speak for peace. . . and justice throughout the developing world — a world that borders on our doors. If we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the long dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight. Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter — but beautiful — struggle for a new world.*<sup>5</sup>

**Beyond Vietnam — recorded selections**

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

“Wayfaring Stranger”

**Benjamin Mertz**

Scripture: Luke 23:26-49

**Fr. Ivan Tou**

Sermon: Explosive Power

**Rev. Ben McBride**

Offering (please make tax-deductible checks out to EPI)

**Janet Cordes Gibson**

Offertory: Tony Scarr, clarinet & Benjamin Mertz, flute

Benediction & Call to Action

**Jim Haber**

~ ~ ~ ~

Begin walking singing “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round”

Stations Of the Cross:

A. Syria

B. Immigration

C. Palestine

D. Haiti

E. Korea

F. Nuclear

**Response at each Station:** *Take my hand. If you see me stumble, hold me up. If I feel you weaken, I will support you. Let us trust one another, keep faith with one another, and never falter. Let us keep the lamp of solidarity lit, and move forward.*

**Jean-Bertrand Aristide**

~ ~ ~ ~

At the Gate

Arrival Music

**Benjamin Mertz**

“Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream”

**All**

All are invited to sing and to join the circle dance for peace

Led by Carla De Sola & dancers

Prayer at Gate with dancers, words by Kathleen Robbiano

**All**

*In your eyes, Jesus of the Cross, we are all one people with no gate dividing us.*

*Father/Mother forgive us all, for we know not what we do.*

*May we be one heart of peace and love. Amen*

“Were You There? / Are You There?”

**led by Benjamin Mertz**

“Ella’s Song”

**led by Benjamin Mertz**

---

**Responsive Readings sources:**

1. Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2. Peace Primer, Quotes from Jewish, Christian, Islamic Scripture & Tradition

— Gottlieb, Harris, Sehested

3. a paraphrase of verses 19 and 20 from the Dhammapada

4. Poems of War Resistance — Scott Bates, editor

5. Beyond Vietnam — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around**

Ain't gonna let \*nobody\* turn me 'round,  
turn me 'round, turn me 'round!  
Ain't gonna let \*nobody\* turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin', keep on talkin',  
marching up to Freedom Land!

*words and music traditional*

## **Last Night I Had The Strangest Dream**

Last night I had the strangest dream  
I'd ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed  
To put an end to war

I dreamed I saw a mighty room  
All filled with women and men  
And the paper they were signing said  
They'd never fight again

And when the paper was all signed  
And a million copies made  
They all joined hands  
and bowed their heads

And grateful prayers were prayed  
And the people in the streets below  
Were dancing 'round and 'round  
While swords and guns and uniforms  
Were scattered on the ground

Last night I had the strangest dream  
I'd ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed  
To put an end to war.

*words and music by Ed McCurdy*

## **Were You There? Are You There?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? 2x  
Oh .. Oh .. Oh

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they walked the trail of tears?  
Were you there when we dropped the atom bomb?  
Were you there when we shot down Martin King?

Are you there as the migrants die of thirst?

Are you there as they fill the prison cells?

Are you there as we kill the oceans deep?

Are you there as we turn the air to smoke?

Are you there as the drones assassinate?

Are you there as they slaughter Yemenites?

Are you there as they bomb the Gaza Strip?

Are you there as we desecrate the land?

Are you there as they sleep out in the rain?

Are you there as shots ring out in the schools?

Are you here as they build the atom bomb?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

## **Ella's Song**

Refrain:

We who believe in freedom cannot rest

We who believe in freedom

cannot rest until it comes

Verses:

Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers' sons

Is as important as the killing of White men,

White mothers' sons

Refrain

And that which touches me most

is that I had a chance to work with people

Passing on to others that which was passed on to me

Refrain

To me young people come first,

they have the courage where we fail

And if I can shed some light

as they carry us through the gale

Refrain

I'm a woman who speaks in a voice

and I must be heard

At times I can be quite difficult,

I'll bow to no man's word

Refrain

*words and music by Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon*

## Participants Include:

**Rev. Ben McBride**, Co-Director at PICO California & a leader in today's new Poor People's Campaign  
**Daniel Zwickel ben Avram MacJean**, Ecumenical Peace Institute board, Mt. Diablo Unitarian  
Universalist Church, *Peacehost.net*  
**Benjamin Mertz**, music director: Skyline Community Church UCC, Joyful Noise! Gospel Singers  
**Janet Cordes Gibson**, board president of Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC  
**Rafael Jesús González**, Poet Laureate of Berkeley  
**Scott Yundt**, TriValley CAREs staff attorney  
**Carla De Sola**, liturgical dancer, choreographer and teacher of sacred dance, for many years at the  
Pacific School of Religion and the Center for the Arts, Religion and Education, GTU, Berkeley  
**Dancers: Zara Anwar, Mary Marsella, Kathleen Robbiano**  
**Kathleen Robbiano**, Dancer for our Creator and all our relations  
**Vivian Zelaya**, Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC board  
**Fr. Ivan Tou**, Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Parish, Berkeley  
**Tony Scarr**, Trinity United Methodist Church, Berkeley, Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC  
**Jim Haber**, Jewish Voice for Peace, The Reclaiming Collective  
**Carolyn Scarr** (coordinator), Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC board  
**Carl Anderson** (coordinator), Livermore Conversion Project

## Organizations planning the Good Friday Worship & Witness:

Ecumenical Peace Institute/CALC  
P.O. Box 9334  
Berkeley, CA 94709  
(510) 990-0374  
*www.epicalc.org*

Livermore Conversion Project  
P.O. Box 28119  
Oakland, CA 94604  
(510) 654-4983

**Supported and cosponsored by:** Dominican Sisters of San Rafael; Fr. Bill O'Donnell Social Justice Committee; The James Cameron Forsyth Foundation; Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church; Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center; Newman Hall, Holy Spirit Parish, Berkeley; Newman Non-Violent Peacemaking Group; Nor-Cal Friends of Sabeel; The Oscar Romero and Simone Weil Catholic Worker House and Sanctuary; Pacific School of Religion; Peaceworkers; Sisters of the Holy Names--Peace & Justice Committee; Skyline UCC Oakland; Trinity United Methodist Church, Berkeley; TriValley CAREs; War Resisters League-West, Western States Legal Foundation

---

## After the Action:

All are invited to the community gathering to be held today from 10:00 to 12:00 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave. This will be an opportunity for us to share with each other our ongoing work for justice and peace. Coffee and snacks and conversation.

— From the corner, drive down Vasco to East. Turn right. Asbury is on the left hand side of the street.