

Dr Martin Luther King Day poem written by the Rector

To be given at a community event honoring Dr King in the Wunsch Arts Centre, Glen Cove on Monday 16th January. The Rector every year represents the parish along with other parishioners at this important community event

The gift of color
It is everywhere
Leaves, sky, skin
Pets fur, foods, eyes
What a gift
Such beautiful colors
Such infinite variety
Color to be celebrated
Diversity of skin color
Especially so today
To be cherished, honored, valued
One man, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Silently, loudly, on marches
In the pulpit
At Lincoln Memorial
Challenged and named it
Color used to bolster prejudice
To disrespect and debase
All God's children
Everyone is colored
Without exception
All sorts and shades of color
All to be respected
All to be valued
All to be honored
All color and diversity
Cause for praise
Cause for deepest appreciation
Never to divide and oppress
God forgive us all
For prejudice of any sort
All are made in God's 'image'
Saint of God
Martin Luther King
This community

(over)

Salutes you
Teacher of truth
Live – er of truth
We honor you
Help us to be partners
To work for the day
When prejudice on all grounds
Is consigned to history
Until then, help us
By example and prayer
Until all are free
Free at last
From all prejudice
All disrespect
All not valuing