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**THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER, II TO PREACH
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

Social justice and human rights activist will give sermon at Choral Eucharist



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(May XX) The Cathedral of St. John the Divine will welcome **The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II** as guest preacher at their Choral Eucharist service on **Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan.**

Rev. Barber, pastor of Greenleaf Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina and president of the North Carolina conference of the NAACP (2005–2017), is a champion of social justice and tireless advocate for building a broad-based grassroots movement to confront systemic racism, poverty, environmental devastation, the war economy and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism in America today. When his work to expand voting rights,

health care, living wages, immigrant rights, public education and LGBTQ rights was thwarted by extremist state lawmakers in North Carolina, Barber began a series of “Moral Monday” rallies outside the statehouse in Raleigh to protest laws that suppressed voter turnout, cut funding for public education and healthcare, and further disenfranchised poor white, black, First Nations, and LGBTQ communities.

Rev. Barber is co-founder of the new [Poor People’s Campaign](#), which in 2018 launched 40 days of moral, nonviolent civil disobedience in support of poor people’s rights in 40 states and Washington, D.C., resulting in over 5,000 acts of simultaneous civil disobedience in 36 state capitols and the U.S. capitol. He is also the founder of [Repairers of the Breach](#), a leadership development organization, and a distinguished visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary.

For more information on the service, visit [this page](#).

About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow (ACT), the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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