



*Saint Martin of  
Tours Inclusive  
Catholic Community*

# Sunday Bulletin

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 24, 2024

### Welcome to Saint Martin's!

Saint Martin of Tours is the first independent Catholic faith community in Franklin County, Vermont. St. Martin's is part of a vibrant movement known as the Independent Sacramental Movement that has emerged across the U.S. over the last 30 years. (Independent Catholicism has existed in Europe and South America for many decades).

We are:

- a sacramental community centered around the Eucharist and all Sacraments
- grounded in all we love of the Catholic tradition, the celebrations, and the rhythms of the liturgical year
- a people of prayer and a people of service and social justice
- inclusive, affirming, respectful of diversity, and share the Body and Blood of Christ with all who seek to receive Him reverently

All of this binds sisters and brothers across the Catholic landscape as we expand our Faith. We gather at Mass by worshipping God, our Creator, in community and praising Him in song (which is praying twice!) We meet God through our senses of seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and feeling. All are a part of what strengthens us in our Faith and reminds us of what it means to be Catholic.

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### Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **March 24th - Palm Sunday - 11:30 a.m.** - Holy Week begins.
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For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at [www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org](http://www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org).

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Palm Sunday Entrance Rite (from Zechariah 9:9 & Psalm 118:1-4, 6-8, 15, 17, 19-20, 22-27 (CCL))

Priest: Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed are they who come in the Name of our God! Hosanna!  
To the Heir of David! Hosanna!  
To the Chosen One! Blessed are You, who have come in Your abundant peace!

Hosanna in the highest!

Dear friends in Christ, for the past five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, and we remember Jesus' arrival in ancient Jerusalem through our actions and this morning's celebration.

We remember these events with hindsight as to their meaning and with knowledge of the events yet to come. In all of it, we seek blessing, and ask that the Spirit of Life bless us as we journey through the holiest of weeks.

Give thanks to God who is kind and good. God's Love endures forever! Let the House of Israel and Judah say, God's Love endures forever! Let the House of Aaron and Elizabeth say, God's Love endures forever! Let all those whom God calls say, God's Love endures forever!

God is with me. I am not afraid.  
What can human beings do to me?

It is better to take refuge in God.  
God is my helper. Fear not in the face of evil!

Listen! Shouts of joy and songs of victory resound in the tents of the just. I will not die, but live, and sing the wonders of our God.

Open the gates of justice! I will enter and give thanks. This is the threshold of Life. All who know

Love enter in. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is Your Work, O God. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that You have made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hosanna! God's Love endures forever! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of God!

God's Love endures forever! Hosanna in the highest!



*This worship aid substitutes the Introduction and Liturgy of the Word sections of the Order of Mass. Refer to the Order of Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.*

## First Reading

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

(1 Kings 1:28-30, 32-35, 38-40 (CCL))

David, the King of Israel, called for Bathsheba, his wife. David had killed Bathsheba's husband so that he could take her as his own wife. Bathsheba came to David and stood before him.

David swore an oath before her, saying, "As God lives, Who has saved my life from every adversity, and as I swore to you by the God of Israel, your son Solomon shall succeed me as ruler. He shall sit on my throne in my place. This, I will do today."

David then said, "Summon to me the priest, and the prophet, Nathan..." When they came, David said: "Take with you some of my servants. Have Bathsheba's son, Solomon, ride on my own mule to the river. Let the priest and the prophet anoint him ruler of Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live Solomon!' Then, follow him up to the city. Let him enter and sit on my throne. He shall rule in my place. I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

So, the priest, the prophet, and the dignitaries had Solomon ride on David's mule and led him to the river. There the priest took oil and anointed Solomon. They blew the trumpet, and all the people cried: "**Long live Solomon!**"

All the people went up to the city following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 45:2-3,4-5,7-9, 17-18 (CCL))

Lector: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!

*People Respond: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!*

Our hearts overflow with a noble theme as to our Leader, this ode we sing. Our tongues, like plumes of a nimble scribe, shout your praise.

*People Respond: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!*

You are most kind; you are most good. Gracious words flow from your lips. You are blessed by God forever. In your splendor and glory, ride on. Ride on! In truth, humility, and justice, ride on!

*People Respond: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!*

The scepter of your rule is the scepter of equity. You love what is just and despise wrongdoing. Therefore, God - your God - has anointed you above all others with the oil of gladness. Your robes are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

*People Respond: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!*

God will cause your name to be celebrated through all generations. All peoples will sing your praise forever and ever!

*People Respond: Ride on! Hosanna! Ride on!*



## Gospel

### Second Reading

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.  
(Philippians 2:6-11 (CCL))

Jesus, the Anointed One, divine in his humanity, did not think of himself as God. Rather, he poured himself out as a servant to all, manifesting the fullness of humanity, which reflects the image of God. Instead of seeking glory, Jesus humbled himself, accepting death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God raised him up. In the arms of the Holy One, Jesus was given a holy name, so that at the name of Jesus homage would be paid, and tongues would profess that Jesus is the Anointed One, the One who reveals the glory of our loving God in life and in death.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People Respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Priest: Praise and honor, all praise and honor to You, Jesus the Christ.

*People Respond: Praise and honor, all praise and honor to You, Jesus the Christ.*

### Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
(Mark 11:1-11 (CCL))

Priest: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

*People Respond: And also, with you.*

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*People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.*

When they were nearing Jerusalem,

at Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with instructions, "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you will find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Our leader needs it and will return it promptly.'"

So, off they went and found the young mule outside in the street, tethered beside a door. As they were untying it, some bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying that foal?"

They answered in the Way that Jesus had told them, and they were allowed to take it. They brought the young mule to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it. Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks along the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting: "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of our God! Blessed is the coming reign of the ancestral house of David and Bathsheba. Hosanna in the highest!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem. He went into the Temple and Looked around at everything; but it was already late, so he went back to Bethany with the twelve.

Priest: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

*People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

### Prayers of the People

Lector: Our prayer response is: "Transform our hearts, O God."

*People Respond: Transform our hearts, O God.*

## Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community, your time and talent are essential to breathing life into our new community of faith and keeping its mission alive.

Your financial support is also necessary for us to meet our financial obligations, which, in good stewardship, we try to hold to an absolute minimum. Through your contributions, we can continue our commitment to serving others. Please know how grateful we are for your generous support and, most especially, for your prayers.

### Thank you for your generosity!

To support Saint Martin's financially, you may:

- Mail a check (payable to) "Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community," P.O. Box 636, St. Albans, VT 05478.
- Use your bank's online bill pay section to mail your donation directly to Saint Martin's (address above).
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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com).

# Announcements – Looking Ahead

## Holy Week Happenings - Week of March 24th to 31st

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- **May - Priest in the Park** - Mother Barb will be in Taylor Park 1 Saturday & 1 Sunday per month, beginning in May. Stop by to say hi & learn what it means to be an inclusive catholic. For the curious, the questioning, the recovering catholic, for anyone who has fallen out of love with their faith Specific dates to be announced in April.
- **June 3rd-9th - 1st Annual St. Albans Pride Week** - Saint Martin's will participate in the Pride festival on June 8th. There will be an ecumenical Pride service in Taylor Park on June 9th. Stay tuned!

### Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: [saintmartins.info@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartins.info@gmail.com) or inform Mother Barb to have prayer request included in the upcoming Mass.

### Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Mother Barb if there's someone you know who needs pastoral care, a hospital visit, or a care facility visit.

### Support our Ministry

Donate online & like/follow/interact with us on social media (links below).

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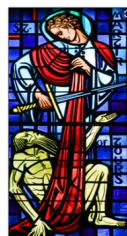
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