



*Saint Martin of
Tours Inclusive
Catholic Community*



Sunday Bulletin

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025

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.

For *The Order of the Mass*, please refer to the *Mass Worship Aid* handout found at your seat or online at www.saintmartinoftoursvermont.org.

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's supports "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry helping unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing.
- **April 13th - Palm Sunday Mass & Blessing of Palms at Saint Martin's - 11:30 a.m.** Holy Week begins.
- **April 16th - Tenebrae Service at Saint Martin's: Into the Shadows - 6:30 p.m.** This service will include meditative Taizé music, scripture, from candlelight into darkness.
- **April 17th - Holy Thursday Agape Meal & Stripping of the Altar at St. Luke's - 6:00 p.m.**
- **April 18th - Good Friday Prayer Service & Stations of the Cross at St. Luke's 12:00 Noon.** Solemn prayers and Immigrant/Migrant Stations of the Cross.
- **April 20th - Easter Sunrise Service at Hard'aack/Greg Brown Lodge - 6:00 a.m.** Join Saint Martin's, First Congregational UCC, St. Paul's UMC, St. Luke's Episcopal, & Holy Trinity Episcopal to celebrate of our unity & togetherness on this Holy Resurrection Day, as a community.
- **April 20th - Easter Sunday Mass at Saint Martin's - 11:30 a.m.** Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!

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 Book of Isaiah.
(Isaiah 42:1-9 (CCL))

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“Here is my servant whom I uphold, My Chosen One, in whom my soul delights. I have put my spirit upon this servant, who shall bring forth justice to all peoples throughout the world. This servant, My Chosen One will not cry out, nor shout, nor speak loudly in the street. This servant will not break a bruised reed nor quench a dimly burning wick. Instead, the Chosen One will faithfully bring forth justice. The Chosen One will not grow faint or be crushed until justice on earth is established. The coastlands will wait for the Chosen One’s teaching.”

Thus also says God, our God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out Earth and its produce, Who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk on Earth: *“I, your God, have called you for justice. I have grasped you by the hand. I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, enlightenment for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and - from the dungeon - those who live in the depths. I am God. Holy is My name. See, the former things have come to pass. New things I now declare; before they spring forth, I proclaim them to you.”*

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

(Psalm 78 & Psalm 85, excerpts (Merrill))

Lector: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

People Respond: Hosanna, Hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest!

Listen well, O peoples of Earth, to inner promptings of the Spirit. Let Silence enter your house that you may hear. For within your heart Love speaks, not with words of deceit, but of spiritual truths to guide you upon paths of peace.

People Respond: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Throughout the ages, the Lover of the Universe has shown the marvels of creation, wonders to behold. Through all generations the rivers have flowed; rivers now polluted by greed. Through all the ages Earth has yielded its bountiful harvest; now, valleys and mountains, forests and fields have been misused. We cannot be spared what we have sown. Generations to come will suffer from our destructive ways.

People Respond: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Who will awaken our sleeping minds? Who will lift up our hearts to the Truth? We will listen to You, O Beloved, in the silent Chapels of our hearts. The Beloved will speak of peace to us, to the hidden saints, to all who turn their hearts to Love. Surely new life is at hand for those who reverence Love. O, that harmony might dwell among nations and peoples, that glory might dwell in all lands.

People Respond: Ride Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Kindness and truth will meet. Justice and peace will kiss. Wisdom will spring up from the ground and truth will look down from the sky. Goodness will revive all lands with abundant yield. Mercy and compassion are Love’s way. As we care for Earth and all her peoples, spiritual truths will guide our footsteps upon paths of peace.

People Respond: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!



Gospel

Second Reading

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

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Jesus the Christ, in his humanity, bore divinity, yet did not exploit this equality with God. Rather, Jesus poured himself out as a servant, identifying with humanity in its fullness. Jesus humbled himself, accepting death - even death on a cross - instead of seeking glory.

God raised Jesus up, and gave Jesus the Name that is above all Names. To this Name, all shall pay homage. Throughout the universe, all will acknowledge that Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, became the Universal Christ, revealing 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: Hosanna, Hosanna; Hosanna in the highest.

People Respond: Hosanna, Hosanna; Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.
(Luke 19:28-44 [no Passion narrative];
Palm Procession: Luke 13:31-35 (CCL))

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

People Respond: And also, with you.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ***“Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this: ‘The teacher needs it.’”***

So, the messengers went ahead and found everything as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said: “The Teacher needs it.”

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on the colt for Jesus to mount. While Jesus rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As Jesus was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the great things that they had seen, saying:

“Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him: “Teacher, order your disciples to stop this!” Jesus answered: ***“I tell you, if these keep silence, the stones will cry out.”***

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it. He said: ***“If only you had only recognized this day the things that make for peace! But now, they are hidden from your eyes.”***

Priest: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

People Respond: O God, bring us your grace.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



Your generosity is essential to breathing life into [Saint Martin of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community](#), and keeping its mission alive. By God's grace and through your generosity, we remain committed to continuing our mission to serve all of God's people.

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).
- Submit your one-time or recurring contribution online using our secure Tithely link (https://bit.ly/Donate2SMOTCC_Tithely)
- Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.
- Scan our QR code and donate online.



If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at saintmartins.info@gmail.com.

Announcements — Looking Ahead

- **Ongoing** - Saint Martin's donates a percentage of our monthly giving to "Welcome You Home," a local ecumenical ministry crucial in helping to furnish permanent shelter for previously unsheltered persons & those transitioning from temporary housing. We are currently raising funds to purchase durable bucket & mop sets. Your support is making this possible. Donate to this ministry through our online donation page or by mailing a check to the address below. Stay tuned for more on this most-needed ministry in the Saint Martin Messenger (newsletter) issue.
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- **April 17th - Holy Thursday Agape Meal & Stripping of the Altar at St. Luke's - 6:00 p.m.** Join Saint Martin's and St. Luke's in this beautiful demonstration of unity during the Agape Meal and stripping of the altar (8 Bishop Street).
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Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: 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.

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