



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

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.

This worship aid substitutes the Order of Mass, Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Closing Rite.

Good Friday Prayer Service Bulletin

April 7, 2023

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Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- April 8th - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - *Postponed until 2024.*
- April 9th - Easter Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!

*Month of May - Celebration of Our Lady
Our prayers at the conclusion of each Mass
will be dedicated to our Blessed Mother.*

- May 21st - Ascension Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
- May 28th - Pentecost Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Please wear red to church. Fun fact: Pentecost Sunday 2022 was the first livestreamed Mass at Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community.
- May 29th - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Time TBA.
- May 31st - Feast of the Visitation - Time TBA.



Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Liturgy of the Word

[In entering the chapel, all are invited to hold reverent silence.]

Opening in Silence

[Ringing of bell informs us that the time of prayer has begun.]

As Presider approaches the altar, Prayer Mantra is slowly recited 3 times: Stay with me, remain with me, watch and pray; watch and Pray.

[Once Presider has reached the front of altar, she will kneel. All are invited into a time of silent prayer and reflection during this time.]

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Lector: See, my servant shall prosper, he shall be raised high and greatly exalted. Even as many were amazed at him - (his appearance was marred more than any man, and his form beyond that of sons of men – so shall he startle many nations. Because of him, kings shall stand speechless; for those who have not been told shall see, and those who have not heard shall understand.

Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? For he grew up like a sapling, like a root from the parched earth; He has no good looks or majesty to make us look at him. When we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire in him. He was

despised and rejected by humanity; a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity. He was despised as one from whom people hide their faces; Despised, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore; our sufferings that he carried; yet we considered him plagued, as one struck by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, and crushed for our sins; The punishment that brought our peace was upon Him; and by his wounds we all are healed.

We all had gone astray like sheep; each following his own way; But God has laid upon him the iniquities of us all. Although he was harshly treated, he submitted, and didn't open his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, or as a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and did not open his mouth.

Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away. For his generation, who would have thought any more of his destiny when he was cut off from the land of the living, and stricken for the disobedience of my people? They made his grave among the wicked- a burial place with evildoers - although he had neither done wrong nor spoken any falsehood.

Yet, God chose to crush and afflict Him. He has caused him to suffer. In giving of his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants and prolong his days. The will of God shall be accomplished through him; he shall see contentment and light in fullness of days. Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many by the knowledge of himself, and he will bear their iniquities.



Therefore, I will give him his portion among the great, and he shall divide the spoils with the strong because he surrendered himself to death and allowed himself to be counted among criminals. Yet, he bore the sin of many, and interceded for sinners.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

People Respond: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

In you, O God, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O faithful God.

People Respond: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

For all my foes I am an object of reproach, a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends; they who see me abroad flee from me. I am forgotten like the unremembered dead; I am like a dish that is broken.

People Respond: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

But my trust is in you, O Holy One; I say, "You are my God. In your hands is my destiny; rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors."

People Respond: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you whose hope is in God.

People Respond: Abba, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Second Reading

A Reading from Book of Hebrews.

Lector: Since we have a High Priest who went up to heaven, Jesus, God's Son, we should hold tight to what we believe. We don't have a High Priest who has no understanding of our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way, and yet, is without sin. So, we can come to God to receive his mercy and help when we really need it.

When Jesus lived on earth, he cried out in tears to the God that could save him from death. And God heard his devote prayers. Indeed, as God's Son, Jesus learned obedience from what he suffered. And, having completed his task perfectly, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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Gospel Chant

All stand.

Prayer Mantra, recited 3 times: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.

The Passion of Christ according to St. John

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Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them: ***“Whom are you looking for?”***

They answered him, ***“Jesus the Nazorean.”***

He said to them: ***“I AM.”***

Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, ***“I AM,”*** they turned away and fell to the ground.

So he asked them again: “Whom are you looking for?”

They said, ***“Jesus the Nazorean.”***

Jesus answered: ***“I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.”***

This was to fulfill what he had said, “I have not lost any of those you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus.

Jesus said to Peter: ***“Put your sword into its sheath. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?”***

So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Anas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Hebrews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus.

Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gate-keeper and brought Peter in.

Then the maid who was the gate-keeper said to Peter: ***“Are you not one of this man’s disciples?”*** Peter answered, ***“I am not.”*** Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold. They were warming themselves; Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his doctrine. Jesus answered him: ***“I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Hebrews gather, and in secret, I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.”***

When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said, *“Is this the way you answer the high priest?”*

Jesus answered him: *“If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”* Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him, *“You are not one of his disciples, are you?”* He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, *“Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?”* Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed.

Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said, *“What charge do you bring against this man?”* They answered and said to him, *“If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”*

At this, Pilate said to them, *“Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.”* The Hebrews answered him, *“We do not have the right to execute anyone,”* in order that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled when he indicated the kind of death he would die.

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, *“Are you the King of the Jews?”*

Jesus answered: *“Do you say this on your own or have others told you*

about me?”

Pilate answered, *“I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”*

Jesus answered: *“My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Hebrews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”*

So Pilate said to him, *“Then you are a king?”*

Jesus answered: *“You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”*

Pilate said to him, *“What is truth?”* When he had said this, he again went out to the Hebrews and said to them, *“I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at Passover. Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”*

They cried out again, *“Not this one but Barabbas!”* (Now Barabbas was a revolutionary). Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged, and the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head. They clothed him in a purple cloak, and came to him and said, *“Hail, King of the Jews!”* And they struck him repeatedly.



Passion narrative continues

Once more Pilate went out and said to them, *“Look, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”*

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple cloak. And he said to them, *“Behold, the man!”* When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, *“Crucify him, crucify him!”*

Pilate said to them, *“Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.”* The Hebrews answered, *“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.”*

When Pilate heard this statement, he became even more afraid, and went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, *“Where are you from?”* Jesus did not answer him. So Pilate said to him, *“Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and I have power to crucify you?”*

Jesus answered him: *“You would have no power over me if it had not been given to you from above. For this reason the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”*

Consequently, Pilate tried to release him; but the Hebrews cried out, *“If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”*

When Pilate heard these words he brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge’s bench in the place

called Stone Pavement, or, in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon.

Pilate then said to the Hebrews, *“Behold, your king!”* They cried out, *“Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!”* Pilate said to them, *“Shall I crucify your king?”*

The chief priests answered, *“We have no king but Caesar.”* Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which, in Hebrew, means Golgotha. There, they crucified him with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read: *“Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.”*

Now many of the Hebrews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Hebrews said to Pilate, *“Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but write instead, ‘I AM the King of the Jews.’”*

Pilate answered, *“What I have written, I have written.”*

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down.

So they said to one another, *“Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,”* in order that the passage of Scripture might be fulfilled that says: *‘They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.’* This is what the soldiers did.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother: *“Woman, behold, your son.”*

Then he said to the disciple: *“Behold, your mother.”* And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, and in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,

Jesus said: *“I thirst.”* There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said: *“It is finished.”* And bowing his head, he handed over His spirit.

[Pause for silent prayer for 15 seconds before continuing]

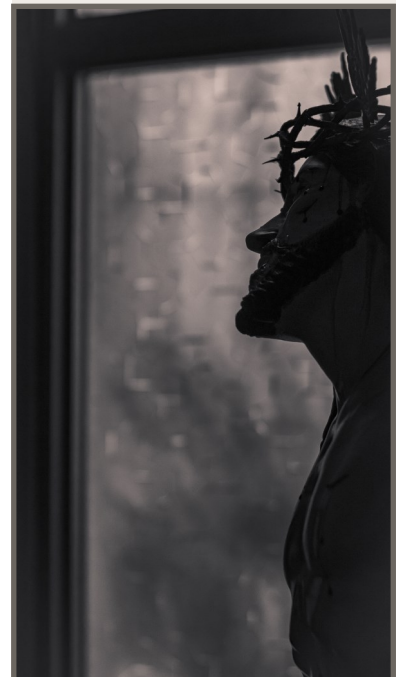
Now the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one. Since it was the preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, the Hebrews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and that they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But

one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may come to believe. For this happened so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled: *‘Not a bone of it will be broken.’* And another passage that says: *‘They will look upon him whom they have pierced.’*

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus, for fear of the religious authorities, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds.

They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Hebrew burial custom. Now, in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden, a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the sabbath preparation day; for the tomb was close by.



Solemn Intercessions

Reflection & Silent Prayer [Mother Barb]

Solemn Intercessions

Lector: Let us pray for the universal church, for its unity in witness and service throughout the world, and for all who minister to the people of God, that they may live as Christ's examples of faith and service.

Presider: Eternal God, By whose Spirit the entire body of your people is sanctified, we pray that, by your grace, we may serve you in truth and persevere with unshakeable devotion, according to vocation by which you have called us. And we pray for peace in the universal church, that you will lead it toward increased faith and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for all who will receive the Sacraments of baptism and confirmation on Easter, that through water and Spirit, they will become new in Christ.

Presider: God of New Beginnings, Open the ears and hearts of the baptized and confirmed, and open for them the waters of rebirth. We pray that all who receive Christ may find new life in Him. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Christ Jesus, that the light of the Holy Spirit will guide them toward the path of salvation.

Presider: Eternal God, Help us to grow in our love for each and draw us more deeply into the mystery of

Christ's cross and resurrection. May we be a more perfect witness to your love before the world. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, for those who have persecuted others in the name of Christ, and for those who have lost their faith or are hardened by sin or indifference, that God will open their hearts and lead them to lives of faith and truth and rid the world of falsehood and error.

Presider: Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you. Grant that, despite the obstacles which may stand in the way, all may recognize the signs of your goodness. May your Gospel be preached to those who have not heard it; that they will come to a knowledge of you. Turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray through their wholehearted seeking of all that is right, so that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth to live in peace, for their leaders and for all in governmental authority, that they may serve the common good with wisdom and justice.



Adoration of the Holy Cross

Presider: Gracious God, May all who serve in public office seek justice and promote unity. May their hearts and minds be guided in accordance with your will to ensure the security of true peace and freedom, and may all who take counsel for nations of the earth be filled by your wisdom, tranquility, and the knowledge of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for all who have departed this world, who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, that they may enter into the fullness of union with you, in the joy of the resurrection.

Presider: O God of eternal light, Your divine hand guides our lives and, by your command, we return to dust. Those who die still live in your presence, where all tears are wiped away. Their lives change but do not end. In company with Christ Jesus, who died and now lives, may those who have gone on to their eternal rest rejoice in Your heavenly reign and sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for the people of Ukraine and all in war zones of the world, for those who have fled the devastation of violence, those who have been deprived of their homeland, and for all who stand with their lives against evil to protect the exiled and the persecuted.

Presider: Eternal God, You have compassion for the innocent oppressed by war and afflicted by violence. Guide all victims to a place of safety and rest, and change the hearts of their persecutors so that peace may be victorious. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Lector: Let us pray for all who suffer and all who are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and unsheltered; those in loneliness, fear, and anguish; those who face temptation, doubt, and despair; for prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger; and for the sorrowful and bereaved.

Presider: Gracious God, Comfort all who sorrow and strengthen all who suffer: In your mercy, relieve them from grief and pain, and grant them the knowledge of your love. May the cry of those in misery and need come to you, and may they find your healing presence within them. And stir up, in us, the will and patience to minister to their needs for the sake of him who suffered for us. We ask this through Jesus the Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Adoration of the Holy Cross

Antiphon 1

[all slowly recite it 3 times]: *Behold the wood of the cross, upon which hung the Savior of the World. Come, let us adore.*

[You are invite to pray and meditate upon Jesus' crucifixion and to come forward for veneration of the cross. When all have venerated the cross, Antiphon 2 will begin.]

Antiphon 2

[all slowly recite it 3 times]: *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Holy Cross, you have set us free.*

Holy Communion

Prayer for Jesus

Presider: Taught by the Savior's command, and formed by the word of God, we dare to say:

All: Our Father...

Presider: Deliver us from every evil and grant us peace. In your mercy, keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of Christ Jesus.

All: For the kingdom, power and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider: Christ Jesus, with faith in your love and mercy, we eat your body. Let it not bring us condemnation, but health in mind and body. This is Jesus, the Lamb of God, in holy bread and wine. Blessed are we who are called to His Table.

People Respond: O Jesus, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Presider: May the body of Christ bring us to everlasting life.

Distribution of Holy Communion

[All are welcome to receive and be nourished by Christ.]

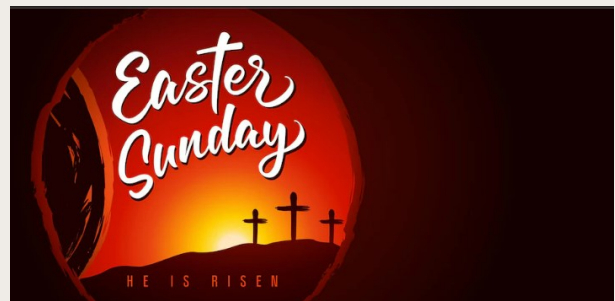
Closing Prayer

Presider: Ever-Living God, In this moment we stand poised between life and death, filled with sorrow, anxiety, and fear. We are filled, too, with thoughts of what has been and what lies before us.

Comfort us even as we are shaken by the remembrance of Jesus' last hours. Comfort us even as we find ourselves in the midst of the uncertainty of a global pandemic.

Like the women at the cross, remain with us in this time of sorrow, and sustain us in the days to come as we wait in hope for the resurrection that has conquered death. Be with us, guard us, and keep us, now and forever. Amen.

[We invite you to remain in personal prayer for awhile before departing in silence.]



*Join us on Sunday, April 9, 2023,
at 10:30 a.m.,
for the celebration of
Christ Jesus' Resurrection
on Easter Sunday.*

*Don't miss any announcements or
upcoming special Masses!*

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If you have any questions, please contact Mother Barb at 802-332-3890, or email at stmartins.pastor@gmail.com.

Announcements — Looking Ahead

Holy Week Happenings - Week of April 2nd to 9th

- *Holy Saturday, April 8th, Postponed until 2024 - Easter Vigil.* Holy Saturday separates Good Friday from Easter Sunday and is the day we celebrate the vigil of Christ's followers held for Him outside of the tomb as we await the Resurrection. Vigil traditions include lighting the fire and blessing water and candles to symbolize Christ's passing from death to life. We toll the bells at the Gloria, signifying the joyous end of Lent.
- *Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ!*

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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