

Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Community, a CACINA Mission

Lector: Our first reading is from the Book of Isaiah.

“For I know their works and their thoughts. The time comes, that I will gather all nations and every language. They will come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and I will send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, and Lud, famous as archers; to Tubal and Javan, to the distant islands who have never heard of me or seen my glory.

And they will declare my glory among the nations. As an offering to Yahweh, they will bring all of your sisters and brothers on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and on camels, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem,” says Yahweh, “like Israelites bringing offerings in clean vessels into the Temple of Yahweh. And some of them I will make priests and Levites” says Yahweh.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Lector: Our response is - Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

People Repeat: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise Yahweh, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

People Repeat: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

For his loving kindness is great toward us. Yahweh’s faithfulness endures forever.

People Repeat: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Lector: Our second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Have you already forgotten the words of encouragement God told you as his children? “My children, when our God corrects you, don’t treat it lightly; and don’t get discouraged when God reprimands you. For every child God loves, He also corrects. He disciplines every child He calls his own.”

Stand tough as you are corrected, just the way God deals with you as His children. Is there any child who has not been disciplined by a parent? At the time it is administered, any discipline seems a cause for grief rather than joy. But later on, everyone who was corrected bears fruit in peace and justice for those formed by it.

So, hold up your drooping hands and steady your trembling knees! Walk a straight path, so that your failing limbs will not get worse, but will be healed.



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Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant chants: Alleluia

People Respond (with chant): Alleluia.

Celebrant: I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

People Respond (with chant): Alleluia.

Gospel

Celebrant: Our God is with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus taught in the towns and villages he passed through on his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked, "Will only a few people be saved? Jesus replied: "Try to come through the narrow door. Many, I tell you, will try to enter and won't succeed."

After the homeowner gets up and locks the door, you may find yourselves standing outside, knocking, and saying: "Please open the door for us!" But the answer will come, He will answer, "I don't know you or where you've come from!" Then you'll begin to say, "But we ate and drank in your company. You taught in our neighborhoods. But you'll hear: "I tell you; I don't know who you are! Get away from me, you evildoers!"

"Then you'll see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, safe, inside of God's Kingdom. There will be wailing and grinding of teeth in anger because you, yourselves, were rejected. People will come from east and west, north, and south and will take their place at the feast in God's Kingdom. Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last."

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As children of God renewed in faith, let us turn to God with our prayers and petitions.

Lector: Our response is “Loving God, hear our prayer.”

- ✠ For the universal church: that we may draw close to Jesus, who is the gate into eternal life; for this, we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ For people of every language and land to grow in cooperation and peace with each other; for this, we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ For those experiencing struggles of life and trials of faith to not lose heart, but to recognize opportunities for spiritual renewal and growth, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit; for this, we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ For grace to enter through the narrow gate: that the Spirit will guide us to live lives of compassion, self-control, forgiveness, and acts of service so that our lives become an expression of the reign of God; we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ That we will see Jesus in the unsheltered and disenfranchised, in the immigrant and refugee; in the imprisoned and abused; in those who mourn and in those who have lost their faith; for this we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ We pause to remember and speak the names of those who suffer with illness, that they may be blessed with comfort, hope and healing [Lector, please count to 6]; for this, we pray:
People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

- ✠ We pause to remember, and we invite you to speak the names of our deceased loved ones and friends who have died; that God will meet them face to face on their journey, and welcome them into eternal life. [Lector, please count to 6]; for this, we pray:
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- ✠ For those who have asked for our prayers and for our unspoken prayers, held deep within the silence of our hearts; for this, we pray:

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People Respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, Hear the prayers we bring before you, those spoken aloud and those held deep within the silence of our hearts. You offer salvation to all who come to you in faith, and we ask that our hearts be changed that, one day, we might all enjoy everlasting life with you. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

All: Amen.