



*Saint Martin
of Tours
Catholic
Community*

Sunday Bulletin

**Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023**

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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.

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- **April 6th - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper - 7:00 p.m.**
- **April 7th - Good Friday - Prayer Service & Holy Communion - 7:00 p.m.**
- **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.**



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

Please join us for fellowship immediately following Mass.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem.

Commemoration Antiphon

[all speak as celebrant approaches palms]:

When Christ our Savior entered into the holy city, the children of the Hebrews foretold the resurrection:

Hosanna, to the Son of David, Hosanna, to the King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.

When Christ our Savior entered into the holy city, the people heard the tidings and surged out to meet him:

Hosanna, to the Son of David, Hosanna, to the King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant's Greeting

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ... celebrant continues... and so we begin this morning's liturgy.

Celebrant: † In the name of God who is the Source of Life, Christ Jesus who is the Word of Truth, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who is All-Loving.

People Respond: Amen.

Celebrant: May the grace of God, boundless in compassion, be with all of you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Blessing & Prayer over the Palms

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People Respond: Amen.

Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

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People Respond: † Glory to you, Christ Jesus.

When Jesus and his followers came to Bethphage, a village on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, he sent out two followers with instructions: "Go into the nearby village and you will quickly find a donkey and its foal tied up. Untie them and bring both to me. If anyone should say anything to you, then, say to them: 'The master has need of them.' Immediately, they will send them."

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: "You, the daughter of Zion, say to the people: "Look, your leader comes to you, Meek and humble, and riding on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Jesus' followers left and carried out his instructions. They brought the animals back to Jesus and threw their tunics over the animals' backs. Then, Jesus sat upon the animals.

The very large crowd spread their tunics on the road, while others cut branches from trees and spread them across the road.

The crowds preceding Jesus and those following him kept shouting: "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Our God! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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.

Liturgy of the Word

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken up. They asked: “*Who is this man?*”

And the crowds replied: “*This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth, in Galilee.*”

Celebrant: My friends, the Gospel of the Lord.

People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Opening Antiphon

[all speak as celebrant reverences the altar]:

Sound the trumpet into the night; the day of our God is near.

Wake the people, lift your voice, proclaim it to the world.

Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad. Let all creation ring.

Let children proclaim to every land: “Hosanna, let us sing!”

Raise your voices, be not afraid, and put on your robes of joy.

And in each moment let us see the glory of our God.

Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad. Let all creation ring.

Let children proclaim to every land: “Hosanna, let us sing!”

Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People Respond: Amen.

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Prophet Isaiah.

Exalted God has given me a skilled and a well-trained tongue so that I might know how to sustain the weary with timely words. God awakens me, morn-

ing after morning; he awakens my ear to hear as a student would hear.

Exalted God has opened my ears, and I was not rebellious. Neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who would beat me; I offered my cheeks to those who would humiliate me. I did not hide my face from insults and spitting.

For Exalted God will help me. Insults cannot wound me, for I have set my face like a flint, because I know that I shall not be put to shame.

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: “He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.”

People Respond: With God, there is mercy and abundant redemption.

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

People Respond: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

People Respond: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Liturgy of the Word

People Respond: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

People Respond: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the image of God, did not regard equality with God, or as something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking on the image of oppressed humankind; born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus, thus, humbled himself, freely accepting death, even death upon a cross. Because of this, God highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name, so that, at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.

And every tongue shall confess that Jesus the Christ reigns supreme, to the glory of God!

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

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Celebrant: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

People Respond: Glory and praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Gospel/Passion Narrative

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Celebrant: The Passion of Christ, according to Matthew.

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

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples."'"

The disciples then did as Jesus instructed, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, Jesus reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?"



Jesus said in reply, *“He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”*

Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, *“Surely it is not I, Rabbi?”* Jesus answered, *“You have said so.”*

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, *“Take and eat; this is my body.”* Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *“Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of the many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of my Father.”*

After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, *“This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed; but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee.”*

Peter said to him in reply, *“Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.”*

Jesus said to Peter, *“Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”*

And Peter said to him, *“Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you.”* And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called *Gethsemane*, and he said to his disciples, *“Sit here while I go over there and pray.”* He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, *“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”*

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”* When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep.

He said to Peter, *“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Withdrawing a second time, Jesus prayed again, *“My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”*

Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, *“Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”*

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, *“The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him.”* Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, *“Hail, Rabbi!”* and he kissed him.

Jesus answered him, *“Friend, do what you have come for.”*

Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s servant, cutting off his ear.

(Gospel continues on the next page).

The Passion of Christ According to Matthew

Then Jesus said to him, *“Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?”*

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, *“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled.”* Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest’s courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward who stated, *“This man said, ‘I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.’”* The high priest rose and addressed him, *“Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?”*

But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, *“I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.”*

Jesus said to him in reply, *“You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see ‘the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming on the clouds of heaven.’”*

Then the high priest tore his robes

and said, *“He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?”* They said in reply, *“He deserves to die!”* Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, *“Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?”*

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, *“You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”* But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, *“I do not know what you are talking about!”* As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, *“This man was with Jesus the Nazorean.”* Again he denied it with an oath, *“I do not know the man!”* A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, *“Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.”* At that he began to curse and to swear, *“I do not know the man.”* And immediately a cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: *“Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.”* He went out and began to weep bitterly. When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, *“I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.”* They said, *“What is that to us? Look to it yourself.”* Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself.

The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, *“It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood.”*

After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: *And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, *"Are you the king of the Jews?"*

Jesus said, *"You say so."*

And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, *"Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"* But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, *"Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"*

For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, *"Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him."*

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, *"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"* They answered, *"Barabbas!"* Pilate said to them, *"Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"* They all said, *"Let him be crucified!"* But he said, *"Why? What evil has he done?"*

They only shouted the louder, *"Let him be crucified!"*

When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, *"I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."*

And the whole people said in reply, *"His blood be upon us and upon our children."* Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers of the governor then took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand.

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, *"Hail, King of the Jews!"* They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull. They gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink it.

After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: *This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.*

(Gospel continues on the next page).

Gospel/Passion Narrative

Two revolutionaries were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left.

Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, *“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!”* Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, *“He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”* The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice: *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”* which means, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, *“This one is calling for Elijah.”* Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, *“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him.”*

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

[Pause for silent prayer.]

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the

earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, *“Truly, this was the Son of God!”*

There were many women there looking on from a distance who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, *“Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, ‘After three days I will be raised up.’ Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ This last imposture would be worse than the first.”*

Pilate said to them, *“The guard is yours; go and secure it as best you can.”* So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Transform our hearts, O God.

Sign of Peace

Refer to the Order of Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Giving: Time, Talent & Treasure



At Saint Martin of Tours 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.

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- *Attend Mass in person and drop your offering in the basket designated for gifts.*

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 Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper.** This Mass recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders (priesthood) and when He gave us his greatest Commandment to love one another. The altar is stripped at the end of this Mass and remains bare until Easter.
- **Good Friday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Service, Holy Communion.** On Good Friday, there is no consecration of the Eucharist, but Holy Communion follows the Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross.
- **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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