

# SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS



## VESPERS

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**VESPERS**

O God, come to our aid,  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen. Alleluia!

**HYMN**

William Henry Monk, 1832–89

Praise the glo - rious light of God - head  
In so ma - ny lives re - vealed,  
As the Art - ist through each per - son  
In new glo - ry is ful - filled!

Praise the shepherds called to govern  
Without harshness, without guile,  
Called like Christ to teach and witness,  
Called to go the second mile.

Praise the leaders in their wisdom,  
Faithful to the living word,  
Bringing from the gospel storehouse  
Old and new to preach the Lord.

Praise the Father. God Creator,  
In so many lights revealed;  
Praise the Saviour, praise the Spirit,  
Through whom all shall be fulfilled!

Ralph Wright, O.S.B.



How slippery the paths on which you set them;  
You make them slide to destruction.  
How suddenly they come to their ruin,  
wiped out, destroyed by terrors.  
Like a dream one wakes from, O Lord,  
when you wake you dismiss them as phantoms.

And so when my heart grew embittered  
and when I was cut to the quick,  
I was stupid and did not understand,  
no better than a beast in your sight.

Yet I was always in your presence;  
you were holding me by my right hand.  
You will guide me by your counsel  
and so you will lead me to glory.

What else have I in heaven but you?  
Apart from you I want nothing on earth.  
My body and my heart faint for joy;  
God is my possession for ever.

All those who abandon you shall perish;  
you will destroy all those who are faithless.  
To be near God is my happiness.  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.  
I will tell of all your works  
at the gates of the city of Zion.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
both now and for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 1:** Toil \* and death could not defeat him: he feared neither living  
nor dying.



To me, how mysterious your thoughts,  
the sum of them not to be numbered!  
If I count them, they are more than the sand;  
to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

O God, that you would slay the wicked!  
Men of blood, keep far away from me!  
With deceit they rebel against you  
and set your designs at naught.

Do I not hate those who hate you,  
abhor those who rise against you?  
I hate them with a perfect hate  
and they are foes to me.

O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 2:** Lord, \* if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work:  
may your will be done.

**ANTIPHON 3:** Martin,\* shepherd of God's flock, pray for us to the Lord.

NT Canticle 6 (Romans 8:14-17)



Everyone moved by the Spirit  
is a son of God.

You received, not the spirit of slaves,  
to bring back fear into your lives

but the spirit of sons  
which makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

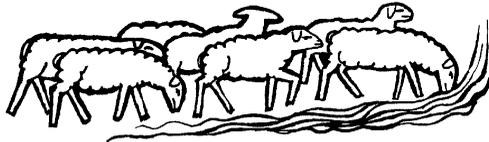
The Spirit bears witness with our spirit  
that we are truly children of God.

And if we are children, then we are heirs:  
heirs of God, who share in Christ's inheritance.

We share in his sufferings  
that we may also come to share his glory.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,  
both now and for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 3:** Martin,\* shepherd of God's flock, pray for us to the Lord.



**ANTIPHON 4:** Bishop Martin \* took leave of this world; he lives in Christ for ever.



Psalm 115

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**ANTIPHON 4:** Bishop Martin \* took leave of this world; he lives in Christ for ever.

## SCRIPTURE READING

## RESPONSORY

All you priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord!

*(repeat)*

Praise God, you holy and humble of heart:

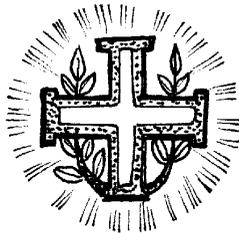
O bless the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All you priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord!

## MAGNIFICAT ANTIPHON

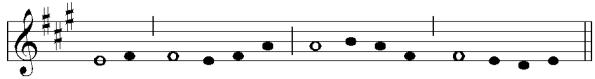
Martin \* loved Christ with all his heart and feared no earthly power. So great was his integrity, he ranks with the martyrs.



# MAGNIFICAT

Canticle of Mary

(Luke 1:46–55)



My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever, amen.

**REPEAT ANTIPHON**

## INTERCESSIONS

**OUR FATHER**

*(said by the Superior)*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

LET US BLESS THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD

May the divine assistance remain always with us.  
And with our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.

