St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church * Omaha, Nebraska¶



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At Easter, the church proclaims "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!" But what does this mean for us? Among other things this means that death does not have the last word and that God's love for Christ and indeed for all of us is stronger than death.

The risen Christ comes to us the same way He came to the disciples—those who were weak, afraid, confused, disappointed and disillusioned. The Resurrection is given to us as a gift and a promise. Yet with this we have been given the same mission that we hear proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles. We too are commissioned to preach to the people and testify that we will receive forgiveness of sins through His name. So let us sing, celebrate, and most importantly live the truth that Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed!**

"God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of our humanity and resurrecting us from the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions. And God keeps loving us back to life over and over." – Nadia Bolz Weber

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH, 10:00 AM TENEBRAE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16^{TH,} 6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 6:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, Noon & 6:30 PM EASTER SERVICE, SUNDAY, APRIL 20ST, 10:00 AM

I wish you all a blessed Eastertide!!

Mtr. Kim+

Prayer Requests * Prayer Chain

The Prayer List will be sent electronically weekly, along with an electronic copy of the bulletin and weekly notices. If you have new names to add, please notify Deacon Mark Kowalski at <u>kowalskimjk@gmail.com</u> or Mother Kim Roberts at <u>bkeroberts@msn.com</u>, or call the church phone at 402-733-8815. On Sundays, if you have someone for the Prayers of the People, please let Deacon Mark know before the service begins.

A prayer request list can be found on the table at the back of the church. If you have a name or special request, please add it to the list. The list will be read during the service.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

St. Mart's News and Announcements



All are welcome.

All worshipping at St. Martin of Tours who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

HISTORY CABINET

"Something old..." is the name of our current display in the history cabinet. The center panel offers the green vestments that have served their time and are now retired. The light lemon-green brocade selection includes the chasuble, stole, maniple, veil, and burse. The left panel shows a beautiful old pall, and a small linen set featuring the retired Advent pall, purificator and lavabo towel. The lowest left panel has purple stoles and a purple veil. The right panel includes a "wheat and grapes" retired pall, and a lovely set of small lines with fine embroidery. The lower right panel is filled with stunning white brocade pieces. Please enjoy a look into the past as we don't often unpack our amazing collection.

Thanks for this display goes to Jimmy Miller and Jen Crouch.



Vestry Meeting

The Vestry of St. Martin of Tours will meet on Sunday, April 13th following Second Table.



Church Spring Clean-Up Day

The church will have a Clean-Up Day on Saturday, **April 12th**, **starting at 9 am and ending at noon**. Your presence is requested to help. Please bring outdoor tools, large trash bags, dust cloths, and other cleaning implements.



Easter Flowers:

The Altar Guild of St. Martin's invites you to help adorn our church with lilies for Easter. Any offering, large or small will be helpful. Return by **Sunday, April 13th**. If paying by check, please note that the offering is for Easter flowers.

If you wish to include names in the Easter Memorial/Thanksgiving list, please complete the order form found on the information tables.

Holy Week at St. Martin of Tours



PALM SUNDAY: April 13th, 10:00 am: On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.



TENEBRAE

The name Tenebrae (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services (Matins and Lauds) of the last three days of Holy Week. St. Martin of Tours will hold a Tenebrae

service on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday April 17th, 6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.



GOOD FIRDAY: Friday, April 18th, at Noon and 6:30 pm: Good Friday

commemorates the passion and death on the cross of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, We Clean and decorate the church for Easter. All are welcome.



EASTER SUNDAY: April 20th,



10:00 am: The celebration of the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. This Eucharist Service will be followed by the annual Easter Breakfast.

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church

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