

Memorial

Saint Martha

Roman Missal 889; Lectionary 403 [Gospel 742(28) or 742(20)]

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, and all three were friends of Jesus. See p. 169.

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Lk 10) **Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest, grant, we pray, that through her intercession, serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters, we may merit to be received by you in the halls of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

(Jeremiah 15.10, 16-21)

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: Woe is me, my mother, that you ever bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to

me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm —————
(Psalm 59)

R. God is my refuge on the day of distress.

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against

me. Deliver me from those who work evil; from the blood-thirsty save me. **R.**

Even now they lie in wait for my life; the mighty stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O Lord for no fault of mine, they run and make ready. **R.**

O my strength, I will watch for you; for you, O God, are my fortress. My God in his steadfast love will meet me; my God will let me look in triumph on my enemies. **R.**

But I will sing of your might; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been a fortress for me and a refuge in the day of my distress. **R.**

O my strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love. **R.**

An alternate Gospel follows.

Acclamation (John 8)

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(John 11.17-27)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles kilometres away, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

or

Acclamation *(John 14)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **Alleluia.**

Gospel —————
(Luke 10.38-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell Mary to help me.”

But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders in Saint Martha, O Lord, we humbly implore your majesty, that, as her homage of love was pleasing to you, so, too, our dutiful service may find favour in your sight. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface (Common, p. 14 or Saints, p. 13)

Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her. —Luke 10.42

Communion Antiphon

(Jn 11) **Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.**

Prayer after Communion

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, turn us away from the cares of this fallen world, so that, following the example of Saint Martha, we may grow in sincere love for you on earth and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**