Reading for the Memorial of St Martin of Tours

11th November 2026

First reading **Titus 3:1-7**

'We were led astray but according to his own mercy he saved us.'

Beloved: Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarrelling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy towards all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. ℟1

The Lord *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*
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Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia.
In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 17:11-19**

'No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.'

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

Short reflection on the reading for today

We have all been graced in various ways; indeed all life is a gift. We don't always recognize that the life-giver is always God. But recognising it is what distinguished the Samaritan leper from the other nine who were likewise cured. All ten had all been healed of a horrible disease but only one of them returned "praising God at the top of his voice." He threw himself on his knees, realising that God had cured him through Jesus. This man had the insight to recognise God as the giver of life.
Jesus praised this leper for his insight. He didn't say, "no one has come back *to thank me*.." but "no one has come back *to give praise to God*, except this foreigner." Then he said, "your faith has saved you."
We are called to a similar spirit of faith, recognising and thanking the Source of all the positive experiences we have met in the course of our lives. Awareness of God's grace calls forth our praise.

These are the readings for the memorial

First reading **Isaiah 61:1-3a**

'The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.'
The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Sion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89(88): 2-3. 4-5. 21-22. 25, 27. ℟ cf. 2a

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.
I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.
I have declared your mercy is established for ever; your fidelity stands firm as the heavens.
'With my chosen one I have made a covenant;
I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your descendants for ever,
and set up your throne through all ages.'
'I have found my servant David, and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him, and my arm shall make him strong.'
'My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will call out to me, "You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation". '

Gospel Acclamation **Jn13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-40

'As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." '