

# Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael – St Martin of Tours

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50:5-9)

The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My Vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start  
proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me? **The word of the Lord.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 114:1-6,8-9. R. v.9)

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surround me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, delivery me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless, so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living. **R.**

### SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St James (2:14-18)

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (8:27-35)

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously; to be rejected by the

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elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate** (all Bow until man)  
**of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



season of  
**creation**

### Faith needs to be lived out in Action.

I can hear you all saying 'Oh no he's banging on about the climate crises again. What's that to do with my Catholic Faith.' Well faith not put into action is death, useless and will not get you to heaven. This week St James makes that all too clear.

*Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead...*

How do people who meet us every day know that we are Christians? How do they know that we are Jesus' followers? What difference does our faith make in our lives – are we any different than we would be if we weren't Christians?

St James is persistent in reminding his readers that without actions that reflect their relationship with the Lord then our religious faith alone is dead. Only when one's actions reflect one's faith is faith truly alive and well.

So what does a life look like when Christian faith is put into action? First, it means being generous. Proverb 22:9 reminds us of this. "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." Being generous means recognizing that God has created all of us and the blessings that God has given are meant to be shared.

When we put our faith into action, we will also have compassion for others. It means listening to one who is anxious or afraid. It means caring for one who is sick. At this time in human history, it means caring for Our Common Home: for land, sea and air which are all showing increasing signs of distress. This change is now seen to be a crisis, a crisis that affects every living being we share our planet with - not least the poorest and most marginalised people. Saving Faith, that is faith expressed in action urgently involves engaging with this now!

This may call for sacrifice – the sacrifice of our own interests in preference for the Common Good but 'if anyone wants to be a follower of mine let them renounces themselves and take up their cross....'