

# **Liturgy Alive of Memorial of St. Martha**

## **Introduction**

Martha. To serve without being asked, to be ready for others. To be given little publicity but to work backstage. Not to ask for honors and pass on the shoulder but to do one's work quietly. This is how she followed the Lord. And her faith was deep and strong in Christ as the Son of God who could raise the dead back to life.

## **Opening Prayer**

We honor today Saint Martha  
as a woman of faith  
and an unobtrusive servant of people  
Give us her faith in Christ  
as the Lord of life  
and the firstfruits of the resurrection.  
Make us willing servants of one another  
who attend to others in their need.  
We ask your this through Christ our Lord.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God,  
In every eucharist  
your Son Jesus serves us at his table.  
Let him fill us with the love and dedication  
needed to wait on our brothers and sisters  
without imposing ourselves,  
but in all simplicity,  
because we know that in them we are serving  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God, in this eucharist  
your Son Jesus Christ has nourished us  
with the bread of resurrection and life.  
Strengthened by this food,  
may we live as your people  
called to rise already in this life  
above our failures and sins

and may we also raise up one another  
to bring about together a better world  
where love and justice prevail.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.