



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026

(Year 2)

**According to pp. 1-15* of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
and the Use of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (ACCC)
(together with traditional devotions and ceremonial directions)**

*** For those who wish to say Mattins rather than Morning Prayer,
please begin at the “Versicles & Responses” on page 3
and end with the “Traditional Dismissal” (below)
following The Third Collect, for Grace.**

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister. Let us bless the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Minister. ☩ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HERE, ALL SIT:

THE SCRIPTURE SENTENCES (pp. 1-4):

Epiphany. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2. 14.

Of Worship. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96. 9.

Of Penitence. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 St. John 1. 8, 9.

THE EXHORTATION (p. 4):

Minister. DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

HERE, ALL KNEEL:

THE GENERAL CONFESSION (pp. 4-5):

Minister. ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

ALL. We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

HERE, ONLY THE PRIEST STANDS:
(IF NO PRIEST IS PRESENT, PROCEED TO THE LORD'S PRAYER)

THE ABSOLUTION (p. 5):

Priest. ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He ✠ pardoneth and ✠ absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pp. 5-6):

Minister. OUR Father who art in heaven,

ALL. Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES (p. 6):

Minister. ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. ✠ O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

HERE, ALL STAND:

Minister. GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

HERE, ALL SIT:

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Psalm 95; pp. 6-7):

Minister. ✠ O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: /

ALL. let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

THE PSALMS OF THE DAY [Psalm 96 (Cantate Domino.) pp. 453-454]:

Minister. 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song; /

ALL. sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; / be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour among the nations, / and his wonders among all peoples.

4 FOR the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; / he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; / but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty are before him: / strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, / ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.

8 Give unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; / bring presents and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; / let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 TELL it out among the nations that the LORD is King; / he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; / let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; / then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD;

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

[Psalm 96 (Dominus regnavit.) pp. 454-455]:

Minister. 1 THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof: /

ALL. yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: / righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.

3 There goeth a fire before him, / and burneth up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: / the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, / at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, / and all the peoples have seen his glory.

7 CONFOUNDED be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: / worship him, all ye gods.

8 Sion heard of it and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah were glad, / because of thy judgements, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art the Most High over all the earth: / thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O YE that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; / the LORD preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, / and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; / and give thanks unto his holy Name.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON & COMMENTARY (Amos 5:6-24):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of Amos, the fifth chapter, beginning at the sixth verse.

5 ⁶ Seek the Lord and live,

or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour them,

and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.

⁸ He who made the Pleiades and Orion,
 who turns midnight into dawn
 and darkens day into night,
 who calls for the waters of the sea
 and pours them out over the face of the land —
 the Lord is his name.

⁹ With a blinding flash he destroys the stronghold
 and brings the fortified city to ruin.

¹⁰ There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court
 and detest the one who tells the truth.

¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor
 and impose a tax on their grain.
 Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
 you will not live in them;
 though you have planted lush vineyards,
 you will not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your offenses
 and how great your sins.
 There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes
 and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times,
 for the times are evil.

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil,
 that you may live.
 Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
 just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;
 maintain justice in the courts.
 Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy
 on the remnant of Joseph.

¹⁶ Therefore this is what the Lord, the Lord God Almighty, says:
 “There will be wailing in all the streets
 and cries of anguish in every public square.
 The farmers will be summoned to weep
 and the mourners to wail.

¹⁷ There will be wailing in all the vineyards,
 for I will pass through your midst,”
 says the Lord.

¹⁸ Woe to you who long
 for the day of the Lord!
 Why do you long for the day of the Lord?
 That day will be darkness, not light.

- ¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
- ²⁰ Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light –
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
- ²¹ “I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
- ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
- ²³ Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
- ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. God’s justice is the truth of our lives and the source of all goodness. As the prophet Amos reminds us (v. 14a): “Seek good, not evil, that you may live.” Amos proclaims the judgement of God upon those who have forsaken the righteousness of God. But the justice of God – which appears in the order of creation – will also be manifest in the order of redemption (v. 24): “...roll(ing) on like a river, (and) righteousness like a never-failing stream!”

HERE, ALL STAND:

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (pp. 7-9):

Minister. ✠ We praise thee O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

ALL. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the
Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed
with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

HERE, ALL SIT:

THE SECOND LESSON & COMMENTARY (St. John 6:41-end):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. John, the sixth chapter, beginning at the forty-first verse.

6 ⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living

bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

⁷⁰ Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. Jesus declares (v. 51): "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Hence, St. Peter later confesses (v. 68b): "You have the words of eternal life." For Jesus Christ is the Word of eternal life made flesh for our sakes. He makes known the Father and proclaims the God's purposes (v. 69): "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life." Truly, the sacramental signs of bread and wine are the words of

eternal life made visible that we may eat the food of eternal life and abide in God. The spiritual food that Jesus Christ offers in His flesh and blood causes murmuring, dispute, and offence to those who choose to see only with the eyes of the flesh.

HERE, ALL STAND:

BENEDICTUS (St. Luke 1:68-79; pp. 9-10):

Minister. ✠ BLESSED, be the Lord God of Israel; /
ALL. for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, / in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, / which have been since
the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies, / and from the hands of all
that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, / and to remember
his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, / that
he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies / might serve
him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, / all the days of our life.
AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: / for thou
shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people / for the remission of
their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God; / whereby the day-spring from
on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, /
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

HERE, ALL REMAIN STANDING AND FACE THE CROSS:

THE APOSTLES' CREED (p. 10):

Minister. I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
ALL. Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius

Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; ✠ The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER & SUFFRAGES (p. 10):

Minister. The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

HERE, ALL KNEEL:

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister. OUR Father who art in heaven,

ALL. Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

HERE, ONLY THE PRIEST STANDS:

(IF NO PRIEST IS PRESENT, PROCEED TO THE COLLECT OF THE DAY)

Priest. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the King;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 126):

Minister. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE (p. 11):

Minister. O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR GRACE (pp. 11-12):

Minister. O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE KING AND THE COMMONWEALTH (pp. 12-13):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE (p. 13):

Minister. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN (p. 14):

Minister. O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [** especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.
People. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING (pp. 14-15):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
ALL. We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; [** particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings.*] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM (p. 15):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name

thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *People. Amen.*

THE GRACE (2 Corinthians 13:14; p. 15):

Minister. THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
People. Amen.