



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026
(Year 2)

**According to pp. 20-24 the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
and the Use of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (ACCC)
(together with traditional devotions and ceremonial directions)**

THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES (pp. 20-21):

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:

THE PSALMS OF THE DAY [Psalm 130. (*De profundis.*) p. 502]:

Minister. 1 OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; /

ALL. Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider well / the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, / O Lord, who may abide it?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee; / therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I LOOK for the LORD; my soul doth wait for him: / in his word is my trust.

6 My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
/ yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, / and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel / from all his sins.

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 131. (*Domine, non est.*) p. 503]:

Minister. 1 LORD, I am not high-minded: /

ALL. I have no proud looks.

2 I do not exercise myself in great matters, / which are too high for me.

3 But I calm my soul and keep it quiet, like a weaned child with his mother:
/ yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.

4 O Israel, trust in the LORD, / from this time forth for evermore.
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 134. (*Ecce nunc.*) pp. 504-505]:

Minister. 1 BEHOLD now, praise the LORD, /

ALL. all ye servants of the LORD;

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD, / even in the courts
of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, / and praise the LORD.

4 The LORD that made heaven and earth / give thee blessing out of Sion.
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 (Genesis 43):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of Genesis, the forty-
third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

43 ¹Now the famine was still severe in the land. ²So when they had
eaten all the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to
them, "Go back and buy us a little more food."

³But Judah said to him, "The man warned us solemnly, 'You will not
see my face again unless your brother is with you.' ⁴If you will send
our brother along with us, we will go down and buy food for you.

⁵But if you will not send him, we will not go down, because the man
said to us, 'You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you.'"

⁶Israel asked, "Why did you bring this trouble on me by telling the
man you had another brother?"

⁷They replied, "The man questioned us closely about ourselves and
our family. 'Is your father still living?' he asked us. 'Do you have
another brother?' We simply answered his questions. How were we to
know he would say, 'Bring your brother down here'?"

⁸Then Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy along with me and
we will go at once, so that we and you and our children may live and not
die. ⁹I myself will guarantee his safety; you can hold me personally
responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him here
before you, I will bear the blame before you all my life. ¹⁰As it is, if we
had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice."

¹¹Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be, then do this: Put
some of the best products of the land in your bags and take them down

to the man as a gift – a little balm and a little honey, some spices and myrrh, some pistachio nuts and almonds. ¹² Take double the amount of silver with you, for you must return the silver that was put back into the mouths of your sacks. Perhaps it was a mistake.

¹³ Take your brother also and go back to the man at once.

¹⁴ And may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved.”

¹⁵ So the men took the gifts and double the amount of silver, and Benjamin also. They hurried down to Egypt and presented themselves to Joseph. ¹⁶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, “Take these men to my house, slaughter an animal and prepare a meal; they are to eat with me at noon.”

¹⁷ The man did as Joseph told him and took the men to Joseph’s house. ¹⁸ Now the men were frightened when they were taken to his house. They thought, “We were brought here because of the silver that was put back into our sacks the first time. He wants to attack us and overpower us and seize us as slaves and take our donkeys.”

¹⁹ So they went up to Joseph’s steward and spoke to him at the entrance to the house. ²⁰ “We beg your pardon, our lord,” they said, “we came down here the first time to buy food. ²¹ But at the place where we stopped for the night we opened our sacks and each of us found his silver – the exact weight – in the mouth of his sack. So we have brought it back with us. ²² We have also brought additional silver with us to buy food. We don’t know who put our silver in our sacks.”

²³ “It’s all right,” he said. “Don’t be afraid. Your God, the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks; I received your silver.” Then he brought Simeon out to them.

²⁴ The steward took the men into Joseph’s house, gave them water to wash their feet and provided fodder for their donkeys. ²⁵ They prepared their gifts for Joseph’s arrival at noon, because they had heard that they were to eat there.

²⁶ When Joseph came home, they presented to him the gifts they had brought into the house, and they bowed down before him to the ground. ²⁷ He asked them how they were, and then he said, “How is your aged father you told me about? Is he still living?”

²⁸ They replied, “Your servant our father is still alive and well.” And they bowed down, prostrating themselves before him.

²⁹ As he looked about and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother’s

son, he asked, "Is this your youngest brother, the one you told me about?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son."

³⁰ Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. He went into his private room and wept there.

³¹ After he had washed his face, he came out and, controlling himself, said, "Serve the food."

³² They served him by himself, the brothers by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because Egyptians could not eat with Hebrews, for that is detestable to Egyptians.

³³ The men had been seated before him in the order of their ages, from the firstborn to the youngest; and they looked at each other in astonishment. ³⁴ When portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was five times as much as anyone else's. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. The free and gracious mercy and compassion shown by Joseph to his brothers is a wonderful parallel of the mercy and compassion shown to all of us in Jesus Christ. God wants us to know His mercy and love, and have us enter into His fellowship as His favoured children, but only through His Son, Jesus, in Whom all our debts are paid.

HERE, ALL STAND:

MAGNIFICAT (St. Luke 1:46-55; pp. 21-22):

Minister. ✠ MY soul doth magnify the Lord, /

ALL. and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; / he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, / and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; / and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever.
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 SIT:

THE SECOND LESSON & COMMENTARY (St. Luke 22:31-53):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

22 ³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.

³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That's enough!" he replied.

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord,

should we strike with our swords?"⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?"⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour – when darkness reigns."

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. St. Luke emphasizes (in verses 31-34) Jesus' growing isolation, by revealing that even the Rock upon which He would build His Church was about to crumble. St. Luke also underscores (in verses 35-38) the fact that the integrity of missionary journeys in the future will necessitate great preparation and prudence on the part of the missionaries. Finally, St. Luke stresses (in verses 43-44) the horrible agony of Jesus' final prayers in Gethsemane, the utter disloyalty of Judas' betrayal (as per verses 47-48), and the cowardice of "the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him" (as described in verse 52a).

HERE, ALL STAND:

NUNC DIMITTIS (St. Luke 2:29-32; p. 22):

Minister. ✠ LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, /
ALL. According to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy
people Israel.

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. 22):

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. 23):

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.

HERE, ALL KNEEL:

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY (pp. 143, 138-139):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

Minister. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE (pp. 23-24):

Minister. O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *People. Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS (p. 24):

Minister. LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *People. Amen.*

THE TRADITIONAL DISMISSAL:

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.