



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



# THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023  
(Year 1)

**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 75. (*Confitebimur tibi.*) pp. 423-424]:**

**Minister.** 1 UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks; /

**ALL.** yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

2 Thy Name also is so nigh; / and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 WHEN I reach the appointed time, / I shall judge according unto right.

4 Though the earth be dissolved, and all the inhabitants thereof, / I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools, 'Deal not so madly', / and to the ungodly, 'Set not up your horn'.

6 Set not up your horn on high, / and speak not with a stiff neck.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, / nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the judge; / he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; / it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof, / all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, / and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break, / but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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 76. (Notus in Judaea.) pp. 424-425]:**

**Minister.** 1 IN Judah is God known: /

**ALL.** his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, / and his dwelling in Sion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, / the shield, the sword, and the battle.

4 GLORIOUS art thou, and more majestic / than the everlasting hills.

5 The stout of heart are spoiled, they have slept their sleep; / and the hands of all the men of might have failed.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, / both the chariot and horse are fallen.

7 THOU, even thou art to be feared; / and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven; / the earth trembled and was still,

9 When God arose to judgement, / and to help all the meek upon earth.

10 THE wrath of man shall turn to thy praise; / and the remainder of wrath shall honour thee.

11 Promise unto the LORD your God, and keep it; / let all that are round about him bring gifts, even unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes, / and is terrible unto the kings of the earth.

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 24:29-end):**

**Minister.** The First Lesson is written in the Book of Genesis, the twenty-fourth chapter, beginning at the twenty-ninth verse.

24 <sup>29</sup> Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he hurried out to the man at the spring. <sup>30</sup> As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring. <sup>31</sup> "Come, you who are blessed by the LORD," he said. "Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."

<sup>32</sup> So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet. <sup>33</sup> Then food was set before him, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say."

**"Then tell us," Laban said.**

**<sup>34</sup> So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup> The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup> My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. <sup>37</sup> And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, <sup>38</sup> but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'**

**<sup>39</sup> "Then I asked my master, 'What if the woman will not come back with me?'**

**<sup>40</sup> "He replied, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked faithfully, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father's family. <sup>41</sup> You will be released from my oath if, when you go to my clan, they refuse to give her to you – then you will be released from my oath.'**

**<sup>42</sup> "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. <sup>43</sup> See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar," <sup>44</sup> and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'**

**<sup>45</sup> "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'**

**<sup>46</sup> "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.**

**<sup>47</sup> "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'**

**"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.' "Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, <sup>48</sup> and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."**

**<sup>50</sup> Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. <sup>51</sup> Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed."**

<sup>52</sup> When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed down to the ground before the LORD. <sup>53</sup> Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother. <sup>54</sup> Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."

<sup>55</sup> But her brother and her mother replied, "Let the young woman remain with us ten days or so; then you may go."

<sup>56</sup> But he said to them, "Do not detain me, now that the LORD has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master."

<sup>57</sup> Then they said, "Let's call the young woman and ask her about it."

<sup>58</sup> So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.

<sup>59</sup> So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"Our sister, may you increase  
to thousands upon thousands;  
may your offspring possess  
the cities of their enemies."

<sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

<sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. <sup>63</sup> He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. <sup>64</sup> Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel <sup>65</sup> and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?"

"He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

<sup>66</sup> Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. <sup>67</sup> Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Minister.* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Minister.* God's faithfulness to His promises and designs for His chosen people are confirmed by the meeting of Abraham's servant with Rebekah. His merciful loving-kindness is also expressed by the love Isaac bore Rebekah and the comfort she brought him. Let us remember that this mutual love and respect should mark our

own married lives, for marriage signifies the mystical union between Jesus Christ and His Church.

**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. Mark 15:1-21):**

**Minister.** The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

15 <sup>1</sup>Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

<sup>2</sup>“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom



the people requested. <sup>7</sup> A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising.

<sup>8</sup> The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup> “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup> knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup> “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup> “Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup> Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup> They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup> Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup> A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

***Minister.*** Here endeth the Second Lesson.

***Minister.*** The chief priests and their colleagues arrange to do away with Jesus by means of a judicial murder on the political grounds of treason. Pontius Pilate, the Roman magistrate responsible for capital crimes, clearly sees that there is no substance to the charge, and that the Jewish leaders wish to murder Jesus out of envy. So, Pilate devises a way for Jesus to escape – by offering the crowd a choice of Jesus (who has committed no crime), and Barabbas (a terrorist and murderer). The crowd chooses to spare Barabbas, the guilty insurrectionist, and condemn Jesus, the innocent Lamb of



God (to which cowardly Pilate consents to avoid a riot). Jesus is then turned over to the coarse mockery of the legionary soldiers. They are not aware that this unpretentious peasant - whom it amuses them so much to hail as Caesar - is really the King of Kings, humbling Himself before them.

**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 MINISTER STANDS:**

**Minister.** O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**People.** And grant us thy salvation.

**Minister.** O Lord, save the King;

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

**Minister.** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

**People.** And make thy chosen people joyful.

**Minister.** O Lord, save thy people;

**People.** And bless thine inheritance.

**Minister.** Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**People.** And evermore mightily defend us.

**Minister.** 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. 147, 138-139):**

**Minister.** GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.