



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



# THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 1, 2024  
(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 PSALM OF THE DAY [Psalm 78, Part 2. (*Attendite, popule.*) pp. 429-431]:**

**Minister.** 42 MANY a time did God's people rebel against him in the wilderness, /  
**ALL.** and grieve him in the desert.

43 They turned back and tempted God, / and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

44 They thought not of his hand, / and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;

45 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, / and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

46 He turned their rivers into blood, / so that they could not drink of their streams.

47 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, / and frogs, which destroyed them.

48 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, / and their labour unto the locust.

49 He destroyed their vines with hail-stones, / and their sycamore-trees with the frost.

50 He smote their cattle also with hail-stones, / and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.

51 He cast upon them the fury of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble: / a band of destroying angels.

52 He made a way for his indignation, and spared not their soul from death, / but gave their life over to the pestilence;

53 And smote all the first-born in Egypt, / the firstlings of their strength in the dwellings of Ham.

54 BUT as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, / and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

55 He brought them out safely, that they did not fear, / and overwhelmed their enemies in the sea.  
56 He brought them unto his holy border, / even to the mountain which he had purchased with his right hand.  
57 He cast out the nations also before them, / caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.  
58 YET they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God, / and kept not his testimonies;  
59 But turned back, and fell away like their forefathers, / starting aside like a broken bow.  
60 For they grieved him with their hill-altars, / and provoked him to displeasure with their images.  
61 When God heard this, he was wroth, / and took sore displeasure at Israel;  
62 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh, / even the tent that he had pitched among men.  
63 He delivered his strength into captivity, / and his glory into the enemy's hand.  
64 He gave his people over also unto the sword, / and was wroth with his inheritance.  
65 The fire consumed their young men, / and their maidens were not given to marriage.  
66 Their priests were slain with the sword; / and their widows made no lamentation.  
67 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, / and like a giant refreshed with wine.  
68 He smote his enemies backward, / and put them to a perpetual shame.  
69 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, / and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;  
70 But chose the tribe of Judah, / even the hill of Sion which he loved.  
71 And he built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, / and like the earth which he hath founded for ever.  
72 He chose David also his servant, / and took him away from the sheep-folds.  
73 As he was following the ewes with their young he brought him, / that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.  
74 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, / and ruled them prudently with all his power.  
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 (Ezra 3):

***Minister.*** The First Lesson is written in the Book of Ezra, the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

**3** <sup>1</sup> When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled together as one in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. <sup>3</sup> Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and evening sacrifices. <sup>4</sup> Then in accordance with what is written, they celebrated the Festival of Tabernacles with the required number of burnt offerings prescribed for each day. <sup>5</sup> After that, they presented the regular burnt offerings, the New Moon sacrifices and the sacrifices for all the appointed sacred festivals of the LORD, as well as those brought as freewill offerings to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> On the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, though the foundation of the LORD's temple had not yet been laid. <sup>7</sup> Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and gave food and drink and olive oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, so that they would bring cedar logs by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, as authorized by Cyrus king of Persia.

<sup>8</sup> In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the people (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work. They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Joshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers – all Levites – joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.

<sup>10</sup> When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the LORD, as prescribed by David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD:

**“He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.”**

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the

older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. <sup>13</sup> No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

*Minister.* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Minister.* God's chosen people had sinned and continually disobeyed him; consequently, he had given them over into the hands of their enemies and allowed them to be taken into exile. After 70 years, some of the Jews returned and began to rebuild the Temple and the city of Jerusalem which had been destroyed. In this lesson, Ezra records the re-establishment of the altar for sacrificial worship and the start of the rebuilding of the Temple. The Jews who returned stood in a destroyed Temple and praised God for his goodness and steadfast love. In this act of faith and trust the Jews of old have set us an example to imitate.

**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 (1 Corinthians 1:26-2 end):**

*Minister.* The Second Lesson is written in the First Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, the first chapter, beginning at the twenty-sixth verse.

1 <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

2 <sup>1</sup> And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

<sup>6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived” –

the things God has prepared for those who love him –  
<sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the

Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

*Minister.* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Minister.* How are we to look upon our fellow Christians? Are we to inquire into their birth – who their parents were? Are we to find out what they do for a living and how much they earn? No. These worldly concerns are of no enduring interest or value. God is clearly not caught up in the things of this world and neither should we be. God, Who often chooses the low and despised things of this world to reveal Himself, chose: a wandering man as the father of His chosen people; a humble virgin and a cattle-shed as the means and place of His birth; a weak, trembling, fearful, poor speaker to be His evangelist to the Gentile world; and, also, you and me. We should never despair of God’s love for us or of His power to work in and through us.

**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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 239):

**Minister.** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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.