



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



# THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025  
(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 98. (Cantate Domino.) pp. 455-456]:**

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

**ALL.** for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The LORD hath declared his salvation: / his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; / and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 SHOW yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands: / sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the LORD upon the harp: / sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and the sound of the horn, / O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

8 LET the sea make a noise, and all that is therein; / the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; / for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, / and the peoples with equity.

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 99. (Dominus regnavit.) pp. 456-457]:**

**Minister.** 1 THE LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; /

**ALL.** he sitteth upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Sion, / and high above all the peoples.  
3 Let them give thanks unto thy Name, / which is great and wonderful; for he is holy.  
4 THE King's power loveth judgement; thou dost establish equity: / thou dost execute judgement and righteousness in Jacob.  
5 O magnify the LORD our God, / and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.  
6 MOSES and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: / these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.  
7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; / for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.  
8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; / thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their doings.  
9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; / for the LORD our God is holy.  
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 (Isaiah 11:10-12 end):**

***Minister.*** The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the tenth verse.

11 <sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. <sup>11</sup> In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.  
<sup>12</sup> He will raise a banner for the nations  
and gather the exiles of Israel;  
he will assemble the scattered people of Judah  
from the four quarters of the earth.  
<sup>13</sup> Ephraim's jealousy will vanish,  
and Judah's enemies will be destroyed;  
Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,  
nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim.  
<sup>14</sup> They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west;  
together they will plunder the people to the east.  
They will subdue Edom and Moab,  
and the Ammonites will be subject to them.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD will dry up  
the gulf of the Egyptian sea;  
with a scorching wind he will sweep his hand  
over the Euphrates River.  
He will break it up into seven streams  
so that anyone can cross over in sandals.  
<sup>16</sup> There will be a highway for the remnant of his people  
that is left from Assyria,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from Egypt.  
<sup>12</sup> <sup>1</sup> In that day you will say:  
"I will praise you, LORD.  
Although you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away  
and you have comforted me.  
<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.  
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation."  
<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.  
<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:  
"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.  
<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.  
<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

*Minister.* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Minister.* This lesson presents a vision of our salvation. The Lord gathers the remnants of His people and vindicates Israel against her oppressors. As He delivered His people at the Exodus, so the Lord will again save Israel, as Isaiah proclaims in 12:2: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation".

**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 1:1-25):

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

1 <sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. <sup>7</sup> But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

<sup>8</sup> Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving

as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

<sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. <sup>14</sup> He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

<sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

<sup>19</sup> The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

<sup>23</sup> When his time of service was completed, he returned home.

<sup>24</sup> After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. <sup>25</sup> "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

*Minister.* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Minister.* We begin St. Luke's orderly account of our salvation with Archangel Gabriel's good news to Zechariah about the wondrous birth of St. John the Baptist to him and his wife, Elizabeth, in their



old age. According to St. Luke (in verse 17), Gabriel testifies that St. John is sent in the spirit and power of the great prophet Elijah “to turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God” and “to make ready for the Lord a people prepared”. So too, St. John’s preaching will awaken in us our own need for God’s salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.

**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. 97, 95):

**Minister.** BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **People.** Amen.

**Minister.** ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the

time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *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.