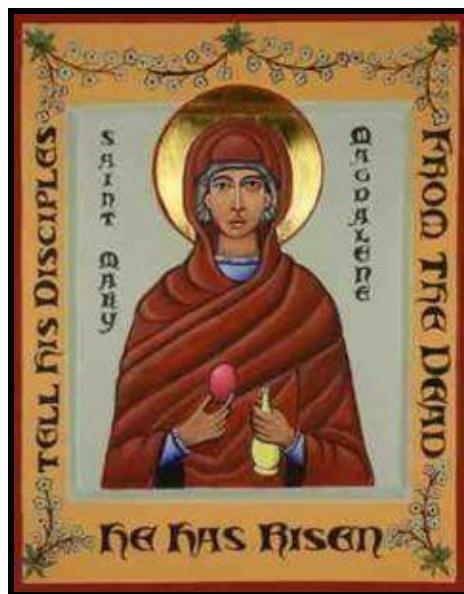




THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA

February 15, 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 PSALM OF THE DAY [Psalm 103. (*Benedic, anima mea.*) pp. 460-461]:

Minister. 1 PRAISE the LORD, O MY soul:/

ALL. and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O MY soul: / and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, / and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, / and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, / making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 THE LORD executeth righteousness and judgement / for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways unto Moses, / his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and gracious, / long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding: / neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, / nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, / so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west, / so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitith his own children, / even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made: / he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 THE days of man are but as grass; / for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; / and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him, / and his righteousness unto children's children;

18 Even unto such as keep his covenant, / and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 THE LORD hath established his throne in heaven, / and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength, / ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

21 O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts, / ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: / praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

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 41:1-40):

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

41 ¹When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, ²when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. ³After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. ⁴And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

5 He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. ⁶After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. ⁷The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

8 In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.

9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. ¹⁰Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. ¹¹Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. ¹²Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted

them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream.¹³ And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled."

¹⁴ So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

¹⁵ Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

¹⁶ "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

¹⁷ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile,¹⁸ when out of the river there came up seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. ¹⁹ After them, seven other cows came up — scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰ The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first. ²¹ But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.

²² "In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. ²³ After them, seven other heads sprouted — withered and thin and scorched by the east wind. ²⁴ The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads. I told this to the magicians, but none of them could explain it to me."

²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. ²⁷ The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.

²⁸ "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. ³¹ The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. ³² The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

³³ “And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. ³⁵ They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. ³⁶ This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.”

³⁷ The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. ³⁸ So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”

³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. By God’s providence, Joseph is brought to Pharaoh’s attention through the testimony of the chief cupbearer. (As a result, the envy of Joseph’s brothers became an “instrument of good” in God’s hands.) We also see Joseph’s humility confirmed in verse 16, for real humility is not so much thinking poorly of oneself, as it is knowing one’s limits and the “True Source” of one’s abilities.

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 St. John 4:7-end):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the First General Epistle of St. John, the fourth chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

4 ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.
¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. God is the source of all love; moreover, as St. John affirms (in verses 8 and 16), "God is love". The everlasting relationship between

God the Father and God the Son is nothing else than the “bond of love” (that is, God the Holy Spirit). As verses 8 and 9 attest, this love was made manifest among humanity by way of Jesus’ incarnation and death, so that all who believe on Him should live eternally through Him. Accordingly, if we want this new life, we must obey our Lord Jesus Christ’s commandment to imitate the love of God, as shown in Himself. In fulfilling the commandment (by God’s grace), we share in the very life of God, being bound to the Father, in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. And such life – such LOVE – frees us from our bondage to fear, anger, and hatred.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 136):

Minister. O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead

before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.

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.