



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



## THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER “CANTATE SUNDAY”

May 3, 2026  
(Year 2)

According to pp. 1-15\* of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)  
and the Use of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (ACCC)  
(together with traditional devotions and ceremonial directions)

\* For those who wish to say Mattins rather than Morning Prayer,  
please begin at the “Versicles & Responses” on page 3  
and end with the “Traditional Dismissal” (below)  
following The Third Collect, for Grace.

*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.

**HERE, ALL SIT:**

**THE SCRIPTURE SENTENCES (pp. 1-4):**

*Easter.* Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15. 57.*

*Of Worship.* The LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2. 20.*

*Of Penitence.* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 St. John 1. 8, 9.*

**THE EXHORTATION (p. 4):**

*Minister.* DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

**HERE, ALL KNEEL:**

**THE GENERAL CONFESSION (pp. 4-5):**

*Minister.* ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

*ALL.* We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

**HERE, ONLY THE PRIEST STANDS:  
(IF NO PRIEST IS PRESENT, PROCEED TO THE LORD'S PRAYER)**

**THE ABSOLUTION (p. 5):**

***Priest.*** ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He ✠ pardoneth and ✠ absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (pp. 5-6):**

***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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

**THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES (p. 6):**

***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:**

**VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO (Psalm 95; pp. 6-7):**

**Minister.** ✠ O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: /

**ALL.** let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O COME, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

TO-DAY, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

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 PSALMS OF THE DAY [Psalm 126 (In convertendo.) p. 500]:**

**Minister.** WHEN the LORD restored the fortunes of Sion, /

**ALL.** then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, / 'The LORD hath done great things for them.'

4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; / whereof we rejoice.

5 RESTORE our fortunes, O LORD, / as the rivers in the South.

6 They that sow in tears / shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, / shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 127 (Nisi Dominus.) pp. 500-501]:**

**Minister.** 1 EXCEPT the LORD build the house, /

**ALL.** their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the LORD keep the city, / the watchman keepeth vigil but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; / for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 LO, children and the fruit of the womb / are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, / even so are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: / they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

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 128 (Beati omnes.) p. 501]:**

***Minister.*** 1 BLESSED are all they that fear the LORD, /  
***ALL.*** and walk in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands: / O well is it with thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine, / within the walls of thine house;

4 Thy children like the olive-branches, / round about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, / that feareth the LORD.

6 The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee, / that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

7 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, / and peace upon 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.

**THE FIRST LESSON & COMMENTARY (Numbers 22:36-23:12):**

***Minister.*** The First Lesson is written in the Book of Numbers, the twenty-second chapter, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse.

22 <sup>36</sup> When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the Moabite town on the Arnon border, at the edge of his territory.

<sup>37</sup> Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send you an urgent summons? Why didn't you come to me? Am I really not able to reward you?"

<sup>38</sup> "Well, I have come to you now," Balaam replied. "But I can't say whatever I please. I must speak only what God puts in my mouth."

<sup>39</sup> Then Balaam went with Balak to Kiriath Huzoth. <sup>40</sup> Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and gave some to Balaam and the officials who were with him. <sup>41</sup> The next morning Balak took Balaam up to Bamoth Baal, and from there he could see the outskirts of the Israelite camp.

23 Balaam said, "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me." <sup>2</sup> Balak did as Balaam said, and the two of them offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

<sup>3</sup> Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stay here beside your offering while I go aside. Perhaps the Lord will come to meet with me. Whatever he reveals to me I will tell you." Then he went off to a barren height.

<sup>4</sup> God met with him, and Balaam said, "I have prepared seven altars, and on each altar I have offered a bull and a ram."

<sup>5</sup> The Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Go back to Balak and give him this word."

<sup>6</sup> So he went back to him and found him standing beside his offering, with all the Moabite officials. <sup>7</sup> Then Balaam spoke his message:

“Balak brought me from Aram,  
the king of Moab from the eastern mountains.

‘Come,’ he said, ‘curse Jacob for me;  
come, denounce Israel.’

<sup>8</sup> How can I curse  
those whom God has not cursed?

How can I denounce  
those whom the Lord has not denounced?

<sup>9</sup> From the rocky peaks I see them,  
from the heights I view them.

I see a people who live apart  
and do not consider themselves one of the nations.

<sup>10</sup> Who can count the dust of Jacob  
or number even a fourth of Israel?

Let me die the death of the righteous,  
and may my final end be like theirs!”

<sup>11</sup> Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but you have done nothing but bless them!”

<sup>12</sup> He answered, “Must I not speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?”

*Minister.* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Minister.* Balak, determined to stop the Israelites’ entry into Canaan, has Balaam offer sacrifice to the heathen gods in an attempt to curse the Israelites. But Balaam does not curse the Israelites; instead, he blesses them! He declares that he cannot curse those who God blesses. Is this not the same sentiment expressed by St. Paul (Romans 8:31): “If God is for us, who can be against us?” As the New Israel, Children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, we have been blessed by God, and have victory over all our enemies, for through Jesus Christ our Lord “The last enemy to be defeated is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:27).

**HERE, ALL STAND:**

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS (pp. 7-9):

*Minister.* ✠ WE praise thee O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

*ALL.* All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the  
Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the  
kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed  
with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

**HERE, ALL SIT:**

### **THE SECOND LESSON & COMMENTARY (St. John 11:1-44):**

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

11 <sup>1</sup> Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."  
<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death.

No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

<sup>8</sup> "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light.

<sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

<sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

<sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

<sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

<sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

*Minister.* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Minister.* Here we read of Jesus' third miracle, a foreshadowing of His own glorious resurrection. His friend Lazarus has been dead four days - longer than ether Jairus' daughter or the widow of Nain's son - and yet, Jesus is able to raise him to life. Note: Jesus is grieved that Lazarus has died, even though He intends to raise him. Despite the fact that Lazarus will be raised "at the last day" (v. 24), God grieves at the sinful state of humanity which brings about the death of our bodies. By His grace, then, let us strive to avoid the sin which saddens our Lord, looking forward to the Day of Resurrection when the friends of Jesus will join Him in eternity.

**HERE, ALL STAND:**

BENEDICTUS (St. Luke 1:68-79; pp. 9-10):

*Minister.* ✠ BLESSED, be the Lord God of Israel; /

*ALL.* for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, / in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, / which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, / and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, / and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, / that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies / might serve

him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, / all the days of our life.  
AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: / for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people / for the remission of their sins;  
Through the tender mercy of our God; / whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, / and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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. 10):**

***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. 10):**

***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.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 194):**

**Minister.** O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

**THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE (p. 11):**

**Minister.** O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

**THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR GRACE (pp. 11-12):**

**Minister.** O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:

Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE KING AND THE COMMONWEALTH (pp. 12-13):

*Minister.* ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE (p. 13):

*Minister.* ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *People. Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN (p. 14):

*Minister.* O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*\* especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *People. Amen.*

### A GENERAL THANKSGIVING (pp. 14-15):

**Minister.** ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,

**ALL.** We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; [*\* particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings.*] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM (p. 15):

**Minister.** ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *People. Amen.*

### THE GRACE (2 Corinthians 13:14; p. 15):

**Minister.** THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.  
*People. Amen.*