



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

May 17, 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):

Ascension. Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4. 4, 16.

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 20 (*Exaudiat te Dominus.*) pp. 352-353]:

Minister. THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; /

ALL. the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, / and strengthen thee out of Sion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, / and accept thy burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, / and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of our God: / the LORD perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, / even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses; / but we will remember the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down, and fallen; / but we are risen and stand upright.

9 O LORD, save the king, / and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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 21 (*Domine, in virtute tua.*) pp. 353-354]:

Minister. 1 THE king shall rejoice in thy strength, O LORD; /

ALL. exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, / and hast not denied him the request of his lips.
3 For thou dost meet him with the blessings of goodness, / and settest a crown of pure gold upon his head.
4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it to him, / even length of days for evermore.
5 His honour is great in thy salvation; / glory and great worship dost thou lay upon him.
6 For thou dost give him everlasting felicity, / and makest him glad with the joy of thy countenance.
7 And why? because the king putteth his trust in the LORD; / and in the mercy of the Most High he shall not miscarry.
8 ALL thine enemies shall feel thy hand; / thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: / the LORD shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.
10 Their offspring shalt thou root out of the earth, / and their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended mischief against thee, / and imagined such a device as they were not able to perform.
12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight, / and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.
13 BE thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength; / so will we sing, and praise thy 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 (Isaiah 52:1-12):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the fifty-second chapter, beginning at the first verse.

52 ¹ Awake, awake, Zion,
 clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
 Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
 will not enter you again.
² Shake off your dust;
 rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
 Daughter Zion, now a captive.
³ For this is what the Lord says:
 “You were sold for nothing,
 and without money you will be redeemed.”
⁴ For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.
⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord.
"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the Lord.
"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
⁶ Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."
⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.
¹¹ Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing!
Come out from it and be pure,
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.
¹² But you will not leave in haste
or go in flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. The prophet rejoices in the prospect of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the refounding of God's holy nation, free from all her enemies. For Christians, Jesus has ascended to heaven, and has become the First Citizen and King of that New Jerusalem, seated at the right hand of the Father. The oppressors of God's people, sin and death, have been overcome and we receive the good news that Jesus is our King.

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 (Ephesians 4:1-16):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

4 ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

⁸ This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. In the Apostles’ Creed, after declaring our belief in the Holy Ghost, we say that we believe in the “Holy Catholic Church.” It is the

creation of the Holy Spirit, one of the gifts which God gave His people on the Day of Pentecost, often called the “Birthday of the Church.” The Church is the “Body of Christ” and each of its members fulfills an equally important function within the Body. The ministry which each Christian exercises within Christ’s Body is the gift of God through the Holy Spirit, and so just as there is no room within the Church for rivalry or jealousy, so also there is no room for pride, as St. Paul writes: “What have you that you did not receive?” (1 Corinthians 4:7). Let us thank God for the calling to service we have received through the Holy Spirit, and answer that call responsibly and humbly.

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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY (pp. 203, 201):

Minister. O GOD the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *People. Amen.*

Minister. GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

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.