



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



## THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER: "PALM SUNDAY"

March 29, 2026

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):

*Passiontide.* God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

*Romans 5. 8.*

*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 23 (Dominus regit me.) pp. 356-357]:**

**Minister.** 1 THE LORD is my shepherd; /

**ALL.** therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, / and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall restore my soul, / and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; / for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 THOU shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; / thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; / and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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.

**[Psalm 24 (Domini est terra.) pp. 356-357]:**

**Minister.** 1 THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is; /

**ALL.** the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, / and established it upon the floods.

3 WHO shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? / or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; / and that hath not lift up his

mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, / and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him; / even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; / and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? / it is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; / and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory? / even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. 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 (Exodus 11):

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

11 <sup>1</sup> Now the Lord had said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. <sup>2</sup> Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold."

<sup>3</sup> (The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and by the people.)

<sup>4</sup> So Moses said, "This is what the Lord says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. <sup>6</sup> There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt – worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. <sup>7</sup> But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.' Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. <sup>8</sup> All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that I will leave." Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord had said to Moses, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you – so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt." <sup>10</sup> Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

**Minister.** Here endeth the First Lesson.

**Minister.** This lesson tells of the events that led up to the first Passover, which itself will be read on Easter Day. To us, it may seem an excessively cruel plague (to slaughter the first-born of the Egyptians), but remember that God did not hesitate to offer His only Son in the fullness of time. Of course, it might seem less cruel to us if it were not said that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, thus making the plague inevitable. What this phrase means, however, is that God knows beforehand what decisions people will make, so that, though they remain free in the making of those decisions, still God holds the course of events in the palm of His hand.

**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. Matthew 26):**

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

26 <sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup>“This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve – the one called Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>16</sup>From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

<sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep

watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

<sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false

evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

<sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup> Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

<sup>73</sup> After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

*Minister.* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Minister.* Here we find the beginning of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (to be completed at the Holy Eucharist later today). It is difficult to write a short comment on the Passion narrative. Perhaps, it is best to suggest that the reader go through the passage slowly and try to visualize the scene, feeling the mockery and other torments that Jesus endured on our behalf. This will illustrate clearly our Lord's humility, patience, and obedience - for none of us

could have been tempted in every respect as He was and yet remain sinless (Heb. 4:15).

**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. 150):**

***Minister.*** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to

take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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.*