



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022
(Year 1)

**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 50. (*Deus deorum.*) pp. 392-394]:

Minister. 1 THE LORD, even the Most Mighty God, hath spoken, /
ALL. and called the world, from the rising of the sun unto the going
down thereof.

2 Out of Sion, the perfection of beauty, / God hath shined forth.

3 Our God cometh, and keepeth not silence; / there goeth before him
a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest is stirred up round about him.

4 He calleth to the heavens from above, / and to the earth, that he
may judge his people:

5 'Gather my saints together unto me: / those that have made a
covenant with me with sacrifice.'

6 And the heavens declare his righteousness; / for God is judge himself.

7 'HEAR, O my people, and I will speak; / I myself will testify against
thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices; / as for thy burnt
offerings, they are always before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thine house, / nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, / and so are the cattle upon
a thousand hills.

11 I know all the birds upon the mountains, / and the wild beasts of
the field are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; / for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh, / and drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, / and pay thy vows unto the Most High;

15 And call upon me in the time of trouble; / so will I deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.'

16 BUT unto the ungodly saith God, / 'Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;

17 Whereas thou hatest to be reformed, / and hast cast my words behind thee?

18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him, / and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou dost let thy mouth speak wickedness, / and with thy tongue thou dost set forth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother, / and dost slander thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest that I am even such a one as thyself; / but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

22 O CONSIDER this, ye that forget God, / lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth me the sacrifice of thanksgiving, he honoureth me; / and to him that ordereth his way aright will I show the salvation of God.'

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 2:10-end):

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

**2¹⁰ Go into the rocks, hide in the ground
from the fearful presence of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty!**

**11 The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled
and human pride brought low;
the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.**

**12 The LORD Almighty has a day in store
for all the proud and lofty,**

for all that is exalted
(and they will be humbled),
13 for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty,
and all the oaks of Bashan,
14 for all the towering mountains
and all the high hills,
15 for every lofty tower
and every fortified wall,
16 for every trading ship
and every stately vessel.
17 The arrogance of man will be brought low
and human pride humbled;
the LORD alone will be exalted in that day,
18 and the idols will totally disappear.
19 People will flee to caves in the rocks
and to holes in the ground
from the fearful presence of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty,
when he rises to shake the earth.
20 In that day people will throw away
to the moles and bats
their idols of silver and idols of gold,
which they made to worship.
21 They will flee to caverns in the rocks
and to the overhanging crags
from the fearful presence of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty,
when he rises to shake the earth.
22 Stop trusting in mere humans,
who have but a breath in their nostrils.
Why hold them in esteem?

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. Isaiah foretells the “Day of the Lord,” a day of judgement and glory. That day is God’s judgement “against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is high and lifted up,” against all that exalts itself rather than God. Sin is that pride

which exalts itself as if man were God. This illusion separates us from God. Our awareness of the great distance between God's righteousness and man's unrighteousness must move us to repentance and to humility. "Turn away from man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?"

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 Thessalonians 5):

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

5 ¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day

should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. St. Paul reminds us that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." But we need not worry about being caught unawares, for we walk already in the light of the Lord. We belong to the day, as St. Paul notes, "through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live in

him." Armed with the "breastplate of faith and love and a helmet for the hope of salvation," we must live soberly and prayerfully in the light of day, "always seeking to do good to one another and to all," that we may "be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

HERE, ALL STAND:

NUNC DIMITTIS (St. Luke 2:29-32; p. 22):

Minister. ✠ LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, /
ALL. According to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy
people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

HERE, ALL REMAIN STANDING AND FACE THE CROSS:

THE APOSTLES' CREED (p. 22):

Minister. I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,

ALL. Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius
Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The
third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The
Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; ✠ The Resurrection of
the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER & SUFFRAGES (p. 23):

Minister. The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

HERE, ALL KNEEL:

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister. OUR Father who art in heaven,

ALL. Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

HERE, ONLY THE MINISTER STANDS:

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the King;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. And evermore mightily defend us.

Minister. 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. 95):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **People.** Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT, FOR PEACE (pp. 23-24):

Minister. O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *People. Amen.*

THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS (p. 24):

Minister. LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *People. Amen.*

THE TRADITIONAL DISMISSAL:

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

Minister. Let us bless the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

Minister. ✠ May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.