



## THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



# THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER “ROGATION SUNDAY”

May 10, 2026  
(Year 2)

**According to pp. 20-24 the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)  
and the Use of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (ACCC)  
(together with traditional devotions and ceremonial directions)**

**THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES (pp. 20-21):**

**Minister.** ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips;

*People.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

**Minister.** ✠ O God, make speed to save us;

*People.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

**HERE, ALL STAND:**

**Minister.** GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Minister.** Praise ye the Lord;

*People.* The Lord's Name be praised.

**HERE, ALL SIT:**

**THE PSALMS OF THE DAY [Psalm 61. (Exaudi, Deus.) p. 404]:**

**Minister.** 1 HEAR my crying, O God, /

**ALL.** give ear unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness: / O lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been my refuge, / and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, / and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

5 FOR thou, O God, hast heard my desires, / and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

6 Thou shalt grant the king a long life: / his years shall be as many generations.

7 He shall dwell before God for ever; / O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I always sing praise unto thy Name, / that I may daily perform my vows.

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 62. (Nonne Deo?) pp. 404-405]:**

**Minister.** 1 MY soul truly waiteth in silence upon God; /

**ALL.** for of him cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength and my salvation; / he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye set upon a man, battering him, all of you, / like a

tottering wall, and like a broken fence?

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt; / their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

5 NEVERTHELESS my soul, wait thou in silence upon God; / for my hope is in him.

6 He truly is my strength and my salvation; / he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

7 In God is my health and my glory: / the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

8 O put your trust in him alway, ye people: / pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

9 As for the sons of men, they are but vanity; yea, the sons of men are a deceit; / upon the scales they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity; / if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, / that power belongeth unto God;

12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful; / for thou renderest unto every man according to his work.

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 (Deuteronomy 28:1-13):

*Minister.* The First Lesson is written in the Book of Deuteronomy, the twenty-eighth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

28 <sup>1</sup> If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. <sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

<sup>3</sup> You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

<sup>4</sup> The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock – the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

<sup>5</sup> Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

<sup>6</sup> You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you

on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in obedience to him. <sup>10</sup> Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity – in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground – in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

*Minister.* Here endeth the First Lesson.

*Minister.* In this lesson, the many material blessings which Israel will receive, if the nation is obedient to God's commandments, are listed. They will, in sum, be blessed above all other nations, if only they will do the will of God. The blessings which Christians enjoy under the terms of the "New Covenant" are spiritual rather than material blessings, most notably, 'faith, hope, and love' (as St. Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13:13). These are blessings which we experience now, but which will find their fulfilment in heaven. We, therefore, are ever longing for that 'better country' a 'heavenly one' (as per Hebrews 11:16), of which all material blessings we now enjoy in this life are but a pale shadow and all present spiritual blessings but a foretaste.

**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 (St. Mark 4:1-20):**

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

4 <sup>1</sup> Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

<sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,"

'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,  
and ever hearing but never understanding;  
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'"

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word.

<sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word

and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”

*Minister.* Here endeth the Second Lesson.

*Minister.* So important is the Parable of the Sower, and so anxious is Jesus to have his disciples understand it, that he carefully explains it to them. The grace of God is given to many, but few, very few, use it in the right way, so as to produce the fruits of righteousness. It is a fact of history that Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose again for our justification. A knowledge of that fact has been planted in many hearts. But how have we received this knowledge? Do we allow it to take root, mature, and bear the fruit of love for God and man, or has it come to nothing because of Satan’s wiles, or our neglect, or because of the cares of this world which have taken priority in our lives? Remember Jesus’ warning (in St. Matthew 20:16): ‘Many are called, but few chosen.’ Let us cooperate with the grace God bestows upon us, remembering what St. Augustine said: ‘Not grace alone, nor man alone, but grace working with man will save’ and again, ‘he who created thee without thee, will not save thee without thee.’

**HERE, ALL STAND:**

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

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

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

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

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

**HERE, ALL REMAIN STANDING AND FACE THE CROSS:**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (p. 22):**

***Minister.* I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,**

***ALL.* Maker of heaven and earth:**

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

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

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

***Minister.* The Lord be with you;**

***People.* And with thy spirit.**

***Minister.* Let us pray.**

***HERE, ALL KNEEL:***

***Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***ALL.* Christ, have mercy upon us.**

***Minister.* Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***Minister.* OUR Father who art in heaven,**

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

***HERE, ONLY THE PRIEST STANDS:***

***(IF NO PRIEST IS PRESENT, PROCEED TO THE COLLECT OF THE DAY)***

***Priest.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;**

***People.* And grant us thy salvation.**

***Priest.* O Lord, save the King;**

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

***Priest.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;**

***People.* And make thy chosen people joyful.**

**Priest.** O Lord, save thy people;

**People.** And bless thine inheritance.

**Priest.** Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**People.** And evermore mightily defend us.

**Priest.** O God, make clean our hearts within us;

**People.** And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**HERE, ALL KNEEL:**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 196):

**Minister.** O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.