



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST “WHITSUNDAY”

May 19, 2024

**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 48. (*Magnus Dominus.*) p. 390]:

Minister. 1 GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised /

ALL. in the city of our God.

2 His holy hill is a fair place, / and the joy of the whole earth:

3 Mount Sion of the uttermost parts of the north, / the city of the great King.

4 He hath made himself known in her citadels / as a sure refuge.

5 FOR lo, the kings of the earth were gathered, / and gone by together.

6 They marvelled to see such things; / they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

7 Fear came there upon them, / and anguish, as upon a woman in her travail;

8 As when with the east wind / thou breakest the ships of the sea.

9 LIKE as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: / God upholdeth the same for ever.

10 We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, / in the midst of thy temple.

11 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; / thy right hand is full of righteousness.

12 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad, / because of thy judgements.

13 WALK about Sion, and go round about her; / and count the towers thereof.

14 Mark well her bulwarks, consider her citadels, / that ye may tell them that come after.

15 For this God is our God for ever and ever: / he shall be our guide for evermore.

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 104, part 2. (*Benedic, anima mea.*) pp. 463-464]:

Minister. 25 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! /

ALL. in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.

26 So is the great and wide sea also, / wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

27 There go the ships; and there is Leviathan, / whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.

28 THESE wait all upon thee, / that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

29 When thou givest it to them they gather it; / and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

30 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled: / when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

31 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are made; / and thou renewest the face of the earth.

32 LET the glorious majesty of the LORD endure for ever; / let the LORD rejoice in his works.

33 The earth shall tremble at the look of him; / if he do but touch the hills they shall smoke.

34 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: / I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 And so shall my words please him: / my joy shall be in the LORD.

36 PRAISE thou the LORD, O MY soul. / Praise the LORD.

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 11:1-9):

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

11 ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –
³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. Verses 2 and 3 of this lesson list the 'Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit': Wisdom; Understanding; Counsel; Fortitude; Knowledge; Piety; and Fear of the Lord. The remaining verses refer to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the kind of kingdom He will usher in. The conflict which now characterizes nature, because of the fall of our first parents, will disappear; peace and harmony will prevail. Though this kingdom will not be fulfilled until the end of time, it can be ours inwardly (as the 'Peace which passes all understanding'), when we receive the Holy Ghost into our lives, and foster its growth by God's grace working in us.

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 (Romans 8:18-end):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

8 ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many sisters and brothers.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. God's Holy Spirit works in the world – indeed, works in each of us – to bring about His predestined purposes. Though in possession of the Spirit through Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion, we know that God's kingdom has not come in its fullness. There is still suffering, sin, and imperfection in the world and in our individual lives. This is, St. Paul tells us, part of God's mysterious will. It is not for us to ask why, but to trust in His Providence, accept His will for us, and to believe that we will be strengthened in our time of need by His Spirit. The reward for our perseverance is beyond our imagining.

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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY (p. 205):

Minister. GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *People.* Amen.

Minister. O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.