

THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025 (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):

Advent. Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

St. Matthew 3. 2.

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 sware 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 96 (Cantate Domino.) pp. 453-454]:

Minister. 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song;/

ALL. sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

- **2** Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; / be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honour among the nations, / and his wonders among all peoples.
- **4** FOR the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; / he is more to be feared than all gods.
- **5** As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; / but it is the LORD that made the heavens.
- 6 Honour and majesty are before him: / strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, / ascribe unto the LORD glory and power.
- **8** Give unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; / bring presents and come into his courts.
- **9** O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; / let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- **10** TELL it out among the nations that the LORD is King; / he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.
- **11** Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; / let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
- **12** Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; / then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD;

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

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 96 (*Dominus regnavit.*) pp. 454-455]:

Minister. 1 THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof:/

ALL. yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

- **2** Clouds and darkness are round about him: / righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 There goeth a fire before him, / and burneth up his enemies on every side.
- **4** HIS lightnings gave shine unto the world: / the earth saw it, and was afraid.
- **5** The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, / at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- **6** The heavens have declared his righteousness, / and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 CONFOUNDED be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: / worship him, all ye gods.
- 8 Sion heard of it and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah were glad, / because of thy judgements, O LORD.
- **9** For thou, LORD, art the Most High over all the earth: / thou art exalted far above all gods.
- **10** O YE that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil; / the LORD preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
- **11** There is sprung up a light for the righteous, / and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
- **12** Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; / and give thanks unto his holy Name. 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 11:1-10):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of 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.

²The 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.
- ⁷The 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.
- They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,
 for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
- for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. From the root of Jesse, out of the faithful remnant of Israel, God will rise up a mighty Saviour, One anointed with the Gifts of the Spirit. His coming means the judgement of righteousness and the restoration of Israel into a paradise of natural harmony and peace. This Saviour will be Jesus Christ, the hope of our salvation.

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 (Revelation 2:18-3:6):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Revelation of St. John the Divine, the second chapter, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

2 18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to

idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations — ²⁷ that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery' — just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ³ 1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

- ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.
- ⁴Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. Here we read the letters of divine judgement to the churches in Thyatira and Sardis. We must heed Jesus' stern warning to the church in Thyatira not to follow after idols (i.e., after the passing things of this world) but to hold fast to what the Lord Jesus Christ has provided for our eternal good. Like the church in Sardis, we must awaken from the dead works of the flesh to make use of the good things of the Spirit (v. 3:3): "Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent."

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. 97, 95):

Minister. BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be

written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *People. Amen*.

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 (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.*