



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 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 65. (*Te decet hymnus.*) pp. 407-408]:

Minister. 1 PRAISE is due to thee, O God, in Sion; /

ALL. and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer, / unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me: / O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receivest, / that he may dwell in thy courts.

5 We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, / even of thy holy temple.

6 THOU shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation, / thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea;

7 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, / and is girded about with power;

8 Who stilleth the raging of the seas, / the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

9 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy tokens, / thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

10 THOU visitest the earth and waterest it: / thou makest it very plenteous.

11 The river of God is full of water: / thou preparest their grain, for so thou providest for the earth.

12 Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges thereof: / thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

13 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; / and thy paths drip with fatness.

14 The pastures of the wilderness drip; / and the little hills rejoice on every side.

15 The pastures are clothed with flocks: / the valleys also stand so thick with grain that they laugh and sing.

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 67. (*Deus misereatur.*) pp. 409-410]:

Minister. 1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, /

ALL. and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, / thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O LET the nations rejoice and be glad; / for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; / yea, let all the people praise thee.

6 THE earth hath brought forth her increase; / and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us; / and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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 (Micah 4:1-7):

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

4 ¹ In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,

and peoples will stream to it.

² Many nations will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³ He will judge between many peoples

and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁴ Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

⁵ All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD
our God for ever and ever.

⁶ "In that day," declares the LORD,
"I will gather the lame;
I will assemble the exiles
and those I have brought to grief.

⁷ I will make the lame my remnant,
those driven away a strong nation.

The LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion
from that day and forever."

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. In this lesson, God establishes peace in Jerusalem for all nations, as the prophet Micah explains in verse 2b, "that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths". Micah prophesies that the word of the Lord will go out from Jerusalem: to convert the weapons of war into instruments of peace; to gather in the scattered remnant of Israel; to restore His kingdom; and to reign over His people. Likewise, God's power transforms evil into good; thus, the Cross of Christ becomes the sign of God's love and goodness towards us, as Jesus Himself declares in St. John 12:32, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself".

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. John 9):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to
St. John, the ninth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

9 ¹ As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples
asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was
born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this
happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As
long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is
coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the
light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the
saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the
Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and
washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked,
"Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that
he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it
on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and
washed, and then I could see."

¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."

²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. Jesus opens the eyes of a man who was born blind. His miracles are performed so that "the works of God might be made manifest"; indeed, the works of the Father are made visible in the works of the Son. Jesus, "The Light of the World", opens the eyes of humanity to salvation; hence, we are able to sing with Simeon, "mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people", as part of the Nunc Dimittis below. Conversely, however, the Light of Christ also exposes and judges the blindness of those who choose darkness rather than light.

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. 126):

Minister. ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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.