



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026

**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):

Christmas. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

St. Luke 2. 10, 11.

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 swear 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 85 (Benedixisti, Domine.) pp. 438-439]:

Minister. 1 LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: /

ALL. thou hast restored all the fortunes of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, / and covered all their sin.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, / and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 TURN us, O God our Saviour, / and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? / and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, / that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 O LORD, show thy mercy upon us, / and grant us thy salvation.

8 I WILL hearken what the LORD God will say: / for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, / that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: / righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth springeth out of the earth; / and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give what is good; / and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, / and shall direct his going in the way

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 113 (*Laudate, pueri.*) p. 479]:

Minister. 1 PRAISE the LORD ye servants; /

ALL. O praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD / from this time forth for evermore.

3 The LORD's Name is to be praised / from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4 THE LORD is high above all nations, / and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, / that hath his dwelling so high,

6 And yet humbleth himself to behold / the things that are in heaven and earth?

7 HE taketh up the poor out of the dust, / and lifteth the needy out of the mire;

8 That he may set him with the princes, / even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, / and to be a joyful mother of children.

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 41:21-end):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of Isaiah, the forty-first chapter, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

41 ²¹ "Present your case," says the Lord.

"Set forth your arguments," says Jacob's King.

²² "Tell us, you idols,

what is going to happen.

Tell us what the former things were,

so that we may consider them

and know their final outcome.

Or declare to us the things to come,

²³ tell us what the future holds,

so we may know that you are gods.

Do something, whether good or bad,

so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear.

²⁴ But you are less than nothing

and your works are utterly worthless;

whoever chooses you is detestable.

²⁵ "I have stirred up one from the north, and he comes —

one from the rising sun who calls on my name.

He treads on rulers as if they were mortar,

as if he were a potter treading the clay.

²⁶ Who told of this from the beginning, so we could know,

or beforehand, so we could say, 'He was right'?

No one told of this,

no one foretold it,

no one heard any words from you.

²⁷ I was the first to tell Zion, 'Look, here they are!'

I gave to Jerusalem a messenger of good news.

²⁸ I look but there is no one —

no one among the gods to give counsel,

no one to give answer when I ask them.

²⁹ See, they are all false!

Their deeds amount to nothing;

their images are but wind and confusion."

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. God's redemption of Israel brings all nations to trial whose "gods" are as nothing before the God of all creation, Who (v. 25b):

"...treads on rulers as if they were mortar, as if he were a potter treading the clay." God heralds His salvation for all through His Holy city (v. 27):

"I was the first to tell Zion, 'Look, here they are!' I gave to Jerusalem a messenger of good news." Jesus is the Good News of God to all nations.

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 (1 St. John 1:1-2:6):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the First Epistle General of St. John the Apostle, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

1 ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 ¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. St. John proclaims the manifestation of the Word of Life in our flesh (v. 1:1a): “That which was from the beginning...” was Jesus Christ. Furthermore (vv. 1:2b, 3d): “...we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us” is “...his Son, Jesus Christ” Whose coming brings the light of redemption to the darkness of sin (vv. 2:1b, 2): “But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” St. John heralds this wondrous love of God (v. 1:4b): “... to make our joy complete.”

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 (p. 115):

Minister. ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

People. Amen.

Minister. O IMMORTAL Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*