



THE MISSION OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



THE ORDER FOR EVENSONG FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT “STIR-UP SUNDAY”

November 21, 2021

**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 81. (Exultate Deo.) pp. 434-435]:

Minister. 1 O SING merrily unto God our strength; / **ALL.** make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, / at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.

4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, / when he went forth against the land of Egypt.

6 I HEARD the voice of one that I knew not: / 'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.

7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; / I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: / O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!

9 There shall no strange god be in thee, / neither shalt thou worship any other god.

10 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
/ open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 BUT my people would not hear my voice; / and Israel would not
obey me.

12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, / and let them follow
their own imaginations.

13 O that my people would hearken unto me, / that Israel would walk
in my ways!

14 I should soon put down their enemies, / and turn my hand against
their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should feign obedience unto him; / but
their time should endure for ever.

16 I would feed them also with the finest wheatflour; / and with
honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.'

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 82. (*Benedic, anima mea.*) pp. 435-436]:

Minister. **1** GOD standeth in the divine assembly; / ***ALL.*** in the midst
of the gods he judgeth:

2 'How long will ye give wrong judgement, / and accept the persons
of the ungodly?

3 Do justice for the poor and the fatherless; / see that such as are in
need and necessity have right.

4 Deliver the outcast and poor; / save them from the hand of the ungodly.'

5 THEY have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk on still
in darkness; / all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, 'Ye are gods, / and ye are all the children of the Most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, / and fall like one of the princes.'

8 ARISE, O God, and judge thou the earth; / for thou shalt take all
nations to thine inheritance.

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 (Malachi 3:13-4 end):

Minister. The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Malachi, the third chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

3 ¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the LORD. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed.

Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'"

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

4 ¹ "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Minister. Here endeth the First Lesson.

Minister. Malachi ends the Old Testament with the expectation of “the great and terrible day of the Lord,” a day of judgement upon the righteous and the unrighteous, upon those who fear and serve the Lord and those who do not. For true believers, the Lord comes in judgement for our salvation (as Malachi foretells in 4:2), “But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its rays.” According to Malachi’s vision, Elijah the prophet will be sent to prepare the way for the Lord’s coming by turning the hearts of the people toward the paths of righteousness. As all four Gospels reveal, St. John the Baptist is the second Elijah, sent to prepare the way for the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ.

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 (Hebrews 11:17-12:2):

Minister. The Second Lesson is written in the Epistle to the Hebrews, the eleventh chapter, beginning at the seventeenth verse.

11 ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and

the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Minister. Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Minister. This lesson reminds us that we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses” who have all borne witness to “the author and finisher of our faith,” Jesus Christ. This faith – which manifests itself in: Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice Isaac; Israel’s Passover deliverance from Egypt; the conquest of the land of Canaan; and the sufferings of those “of whom the world was not worthy” – comes to its fullest expression in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Our own pilgrimage in faith must always demonstrate that same heart of sacrifice, which is the Cross of Christ. Thus, we must forever be returning to the beginning and ending our faith, “the Alpha and Omega”, “the author and finisher”, Jesus Christ.

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 Queen;

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 259):

Minister. STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; 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.