**The Anglican Church of**

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

*“We are a church that help others find and follow Jesus.”*

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Processional #585—Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

**Gathering of the Community p.185**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** *(SIT)*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROFHET JEREMIAH

The Lord gave me this message:

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. This is what the Lord says: “What fault did you ancestors find in me,  that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves. They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord? Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols. “Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the Lord. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children. Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%202%3A4-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18976a)] and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord. “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water. *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM PAUL’S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2013%3A1-8%2C%2015-16&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30203a)] Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies. Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2013%3A1-8%2C%2015-16&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30207b)] So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2013%3A1-8%2C%2015-16&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30208c)] Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. 16 And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn-God of the poor, Graham Kendrick**

1. **Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!**

**4. Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain**

**5. Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise**

***6. God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame***

1. **Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can’t speak**
2. ***God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame***

**The Gospel p.188:**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely. When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: “When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table! “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.” Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Apostles Creed p.189 (stand)**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People p.190 Confession and Absolution p.191**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**The Peace p.192** *(STAND)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn #500—Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant
Prayer Over the Gifts** *(STAND)*

**Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #2 p.193**

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People And also with you.** Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest..**

*...Now and for ever.* **Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer p.211
Breaking of the Bread #4 p.212**

Priest: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

**People: Give us this bread for ever.**

Priest: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**People: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

**Prayer after Communion p.214**

**Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Doxology p. 214**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Announcements & Blessing**

 **Closing Hymn —Here I am Lord**

**[Chorus]**[**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night**](https://genius.com/13428944/Dan-schutte-here-i-am-lord/Here-i-am-lord-is-it-i-lord-i-have-heard-you-calling-in-the-night) **I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 3]
I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away**

 **[Verse 1]
I, the Lord of sea and sky**[**I have heard my people cry**](https://genius.com/13556676/Dan-schutte-here-i-am-lord/I-have-heard-my-people-cry) **All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

[Chorus]**[**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night**](https://genius.com/13428944/Dan-schutte-here-i-am-lord/Here-i-am-lord-is-it-i-lord-i-have-heard-you-calling-in-the-night) **I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 2]
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright**[**Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**](https://genius.com/13556533/Dan-schutte-here-i-am-lord/Who-will-bear-my-light-to-them-whom-shall-i-send)

**The Dismissal p. 215**

Priest: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer List**Wendy, Hudson, Wendy, Stephen, Vic, Brenna, Nancy, Jack, Jeffrey, Matthew, Bill, Jerome, Cathy, Rob, Ken, Ian, Sonja, Joyce, Ted, Joyce, and Laura

**Diocesan Cyle of Prayer**In our international cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of South India. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Parish of Central Frontenac.

**Green Group Seminar**“Friends for life” Saturday Sept. 20th 9:30 to 2:30 pm.
Changing the way People Treat the Earth.
Plenary speaker - Luke Wilson, CEO of A Rocha Canada.
Venue - Christ Church, Cataraqui - 990 Sydenham Road, Kingston, Ont.
Free will donation. Contact:greengroup@ontario.anglican.ca

**Upper Room Conference – A time of learning at our church
Theme: Engaging faithfully with Culture**Join us September 27th from 9am - 2pm as we have a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Mike Michielin about how Christians can navigate and engage in a post Christian culture. What are some underlying assumptions in our culture? How can we talk about our faith in ways that connect? And more!
Register required online or in the back of our church. Lunch provided!
A free will offering will be collected to cover the cost of your lunch.

**Join our Choir!**Come lift your voice and be part of something bigger—our church choir is calling all singers, whether seasoned or brand new! Join us as we worship, build community, and make a joyful noise together.

**New Church Administrator**We are glad to announce that Isaac has volunteered to be our church administrator. Isaac will be creating our weekly bulletin, checking our emails, and, in time, will be taking on more responsibilities. We want to thank Isaac for his dedication to our church’s ministry and mission! Please pray for him as he takes on this important role in our church.

**Inviting others to like our Facebook page!**There are always exciting things happening at St. Mary Magdalene. A great way for the community to engage with our church is to be engaged with our church FB page. It might be a good first step before coming to our church. We want you to invite others to like our Facebook page. Open Facebook and search for St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee or point your camera to this QR Code. Locate the "Options" (or three dots) icon below the cover photo and select "Invite friends". Choose the friends you want to invite from the list, and then tap "Send Invites" to send the invitations

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