

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
*A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York*  
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July 22, 2026  
Mary Magdalene  
6:30 P.M.

Congregational responses are **in bold**.

*Opening Hymn*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. (*John 4:24*)

*Confession of Sin*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

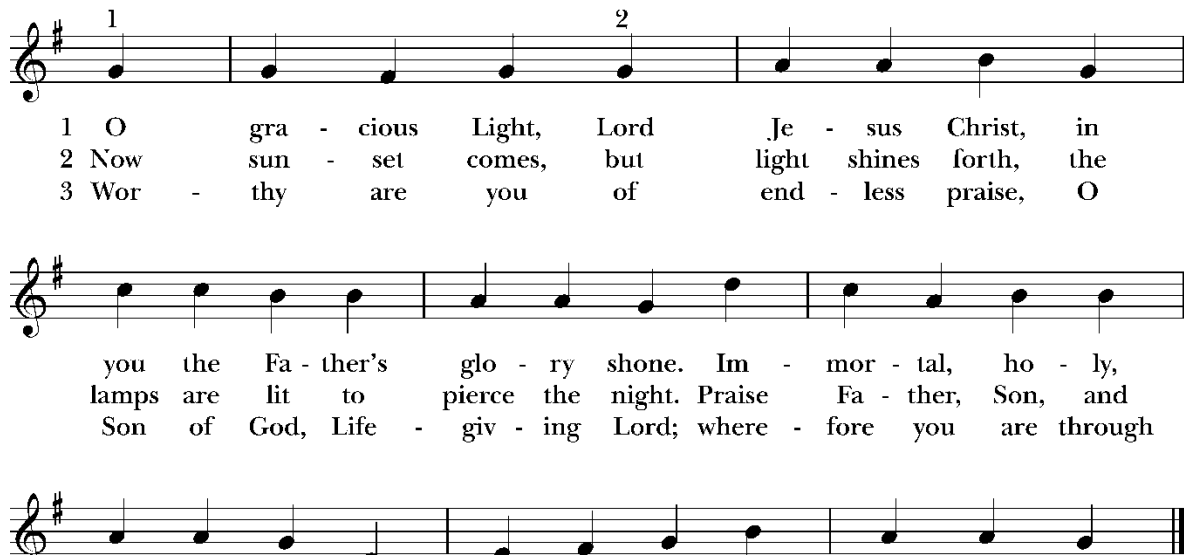
*Officiant* O God, be not far from us.

*People* **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Except in Lent add Alleluia.*

*Phos hilaron*



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

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Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982.

**Psalm 42:1-7 (St. Helena Psalter)**

*said responsively by the half verse*

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
**so longs my soul for you, O God.**

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
**when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
**while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your God?"**

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
**how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,**

5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
**among those who keep holy-day.**

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, \*  
**and why are you so disquieted within me?**

7 Put your trust in God, \*  
**for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

*A Reading from the prophet Judith*

(9:1,11-14)

Then Judith prostrated herself, put ashes on her head, and uncovered the sackcloth she was wearing. At the very time when the evening incense was being offered in the house of God in Jerusalem, Judith cried out to the Lord with a loud voice, and said, <sup>11</sup>For your strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forsaken, savior of those without hope. <sup>12</sup>Please, please, God of my father, God of the heritage of Israel, Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters, King of all your creation, hear my prayer! <sup>13</sup>Make my deceitful words bring wound and bruise on those who have planned cruel things against your covenant, and against your sacred house, and against Mount Zion, and against the house your children possess. <sup>14</sup>Let your whole nation and every tribe know and understand that you are God, the God of all power and might, and that there is no other who protects the people of Israel but you alone!"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle of the Turning*

*Daigle/Cooley/Donohoo*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain:*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
*Refrain*

### *Quotations attributed to Mary Magdalene*

One of Mary Magdalene's most famous quotes comes from the Gnostic text *The Gospel of Mary Magdalene*, where she stands up to comfort the grieving and fearful disciples:  
*"Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you. But rather let us praise His greatness..."*

In the Gospel of John, after discovering the empty tomb and encountering the risen Jesus, Mary Magdalene delivers one of her most defining declarations to the disciples:  
*"I have seen the Lord!"*

### The Gospel of Mary (Apocryphal)

In this ancient text, Mary is elevated as a visionary leader who received special revelations. Defending her divine visions to the skeptical male apostles, she asks:  
*"My brother Peter, what do you think? Do you think that I have thought this up myself in my heart, or that I am lying about the Savior?"*

### *Nunc dimittis*

1 Lord let your servant now depart ~ into your promised rest,  
Since my expecting eyes have been ~ with your salvation blest.

2 Which till this time your favoured saints ~ and prophets only knew:  
Long since prepared but now set forth ~ in all your peoples' view.

3 A light to show the Gentile world ~ the way to saving grace;  
But O, the light and glory both ~ of Israel's chosen race.

All glory to the Father, Son ~ and Spirit, One and Three,  
As was, and is and shall be so ~ through all eternity

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know

where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### *Homily*

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

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*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the  
great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your  
saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary  
Magdalene to health of body and of mind, and called  
her to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant  
that by your grace we may be healed from all our  
infirmities and know you in the power of his unending  
life; Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with  
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**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.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
"Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with [ *Mary Magdalene* and] all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
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 those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

The Gifts of God given for us, the beloved of God: Come and be fed.

*Communion Hymn*

*Prayer after Communion*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Our worship has ended, our service continues:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**