



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for All Saints' Day - 1st November 2025

As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:

Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fear.

I ask them whence their victory came;
They, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph of His Death.

They marked the footsteps that He trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For His own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to Heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748
Music: University
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+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of His love with all the saints in earth and Heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from Him both mercy and forgiveness.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this feast day in honour of all the saints; it is a solemnity, which causes the angels to rejoice and to praise together the Son of God. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous: praising befits those who are upright. 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.

Let us all rejoice &c

*During the **Gloria in excelsis**, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.*

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right

hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high,

+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and Godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that You have prepared for those who truly love You: in and through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their children with them. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦ the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas ♦ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦ or who can rise up in his holy place?’

‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦ who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦ a just reward from the God of their salvation.’

Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦ of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia! Come to Me, all you who labour and are overburdened: and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds.
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again in glory
to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

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And we believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the prophets.
And we believe
one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the Kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the Source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by Your Holy Spirit: that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Bless the Bishops, priests and deacons of Your Church: that by faithful proclamation of Your Word, we may be built on the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets into a holy temple to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Empower us by the gift of Your holy and life-giving Spirit: that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above: that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Holy in Your embrace all who witness to Your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain: that, raised to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned into eternal joy: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In Your mercy, hear our prayers for all who have gone before us: guide them to Your Kingdom and grant them eternal peace: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Hasten the day when many will come from East and West, from North and South and sit at the table of Your Kingdom: that made perfect in Your love, they may join the prayers and praises with all the company of Heaven: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we pray for a hastening of the day when many will come for East and West to sit at table in Your Kingdom in the fellowship of all the saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[Amen.](#)

We are fellow citizens with the saints and the whole household of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who came and preached peace to those who were afar off and those who were near.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
[And with thy spirit.](#)

As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no malicious torment shall ever touch them: in the eyes of the unwise they seem to have died, but they are dwelling in peace.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name , O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, their one true light. Alleluia!

3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia!

7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia!

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8. For earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Words: W Walsham How 1823 - 97

Music: Sine Nomine

R Vaughan Williams 1872 - 1958

*The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour
the place where Christ will become present. At the end:*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory
and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

Holy and mighty God, we give You thanks for the Triumph of Christ in
the lives of all His saints. Receive our sacrifice this day and help us,
like them, to run our course with Faith, that we may come to Your
eternal Kingdom; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
Always and everywhere to give You thanks,
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here we stand before You, most gracious God,
Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
And glorified in the assembly of Your saints.
The glorious company of Apostles praise You.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise You.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise You;
We You holy Church acclaim You.

In communion with angels and archangels,
And all who served You on earth
And worship You now in Heaven,
We raise our voice to proclaim Your glory,
For ever praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his Apostles
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Instructed by saving precepts and taught by divine example, we are bold
to say:

Our Father,
*Who art in Heaven,
hallowed by 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,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
*Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one
Bread.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

Happy are the pure in heart for they shall see God: happy the peace-makers; they shall be called children of God.

Holy Communion follows.

1. Soul of my Saviour,
Sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ,
Be Thou my saving Guest;
Blood of my Saviour,
Bathe me in Thy tide,
Wash me with water
Flowing from Thy side.

2. Strength and protection
May Thy Passion be;
O blessed Jesus,
Hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord,
Hide and shelter me;
So shall I never,
Never part from Thee.

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3. Guard and defend me
From the foe malign;
In death's dread moments
Make me only Thine;
Call me, and bid me
Come to Thee on high,
When I may praise Thee
With Thy saints for aye.

Words: C14 anon
Music: Anima Christi
William Mahler 1823 - 77

After Holy Communion:

Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice's sake: the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Let us pray:

Living God, may we who have shared in these holy Mysteries enjoy health of body and mind, and witness faithfully to Your Gospel in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

May God, Who kindled the fire of His love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of His Grace; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

O, higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou, bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious magnify the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, (alleluia, alleluia,) alleluia!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth Your Grace into our hearts, we beseech You O Lord, that as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His Cross (+) and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; in and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1. Let our choirs new anthems raise,
Bright the morn with gladness,
When God turned to joy and praise
All his servant's sadness:
This the day that won his crown,
Opened heaven's wide portal;
He, mortality laid down,
Entered life immortal.

2. Now he stands before the throne
Clothed in robe of splendours,
Death and torment overthrown,
Praise to God he renders;
Praise alike to Christ his King
From his lips is sounding,
Adoration bow he brings
For God's grace abounding.

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3. Let us then due honour pay,
As we raise our voices,
For the saint in whom today
All the world rejoices;
Let God's people here below
Still recount his story,
How he fought against the foe
For the Saviour's glory.

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Arthur Henry Brown 1830 - 1926

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