



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Corpus Christi - 3rd June 2021

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

The Lord fed His people with the finest wheat and honey: their hunger was satisfied, alleluia. Rejoice in honour of God our Maker: shout for joy to the God of Jacob.. 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 Lord fed &c

+ 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.

Whoever eats the Bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily, eats and drinks judgement upon themselves. Examine your lives, therefore, and call to mind your sins.

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, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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:

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament, has left unto us a memorial of Your Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection: grant us so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits of Your Redemption, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit; God, throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the name of the
Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his faithful
servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and call upon the
name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.

A Reading from the former Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living Bread, which has come down from Heaven, says the Lord: anyone who eats this Bread shall live for ever. 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 Mark.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

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And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
[Praise be to Thee, O Christ.](#)

A homily may follow.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the high Priest in Whose priesthood we share through the Sacrament of Baptism, with confidence we lay our prayers before God's throne of grace:

Here, where we celebrate that Christ gave us His Body to be our spiritual food, for the Church universal; let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Here, where we recognise the Presence of Christ, Who takes away the sin of the world, for that world and the peoples for whom His Blood was shed; let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Here, where we gather as Christ gathered with His friends to give us this meal, for our friends and all whose lives are joined to ours; let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, for all who share His sufferings through fear or pain or distress of many kinds; let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of Heaven, for those whose course on earth is done; let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with the blessed and glorious ever-virgin Mother of God, Mary most holy, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to the love of our eternal God: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask that our prayers may come before Your heavenly Altar as tokens of our trust and worship through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, If, when you bring your gift to the Altar, you remember a grievance against you, leave your gift before the Altar. Go make peace: and only then offer your gift.

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:

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!

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.

Father of all, we spread this table in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist to Your Church. Accept our sacrifice this day, bind us together in Christ's love and in the love that He commanded us to bring to one another; this we ask through the same 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 salvation,
Always and everywhere to give You thanks and praise,
Holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest.
He offered Himself to You the Lamb of God without blemish,
The acceptable gift that gives You perfect praise.
At the Last Supper, seated with His Apostles,
He left this memorial of His Passion
To bring us its saving power until the end of time.
In this great Sacrament You feed Your people
And strengthen them in holiness,
So that throughout the world
The human family may be enlightened by the one Father
And drawn together in one communion of love.
We come to the foretaste of Your heavenly banquet
To be transformed by Your Grace
And restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.
Therefore, earth unites with Heaven
To sing a new song of praise,
We, too, join with angels and archangels,
As they proclaim Your glory without end:

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.

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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.*

*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.

Those who eat My Flesh and drink My Blood, abide in Me: and I in him, says the Lord. Alleluia!.

Holy Communion follows.

After Holy Communion:

Let us pray:

All praise to You, our God and Father, for You have fed us with the Bread of Heaven and quenched our thirst from the true Vine: hear our prayer, that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow in unity and feast with Him in His Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Music plays as the Altar is prepared for Benediction. The consecrated Host, being the Real Presence of Christ, is displayed on the Altar and during the following hymn is honoured with incense:

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.*

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

*All praise and thanks to Thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three,
And grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen.*

Devotions follow:

Lord, have mercy. R\.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. R\.

Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. R\.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us. R\.

Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, R\.

have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, R\.

have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, R\.

have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, R\.

have mercy on us.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, R\.

have mercy on us.
Jesus, Divine Victim, R\.

have mercy on us.
Jesus, hidden under the appearance of bread, R\.

have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Life, R\.

have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Angels, R\.

have mercy on us.
Jesus, with us always until the end of the world, R\.

have mercy on us.

There follows a period of silence.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and drive far from it all assaults of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell herein that we may be kept in peace and Your blessing always rest upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.
Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

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Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Blessed, praised, hallowed and adored be Jesus on His Throne of Glory!

And in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar!

During the following hymn, the Presence of Christ is honoured with incense again:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et Jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from Both with Both is One.
Amen.

Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven. Alleluia, alleluia!

Containing in Itself all sweetness. Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us pray:

Lord our God, in this great Sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation and raised to glory as King of kings. May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy drink from it the water of everlasting life: in and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is now administered; afterwards:

Adorémus in aetérnum
Sanctissimum Sacraméntum.

Let us adore for ever the most
Holy Sacrament.

Laudâte Dóminum, omnes gentes;
laudáte eum omnes pópuli.
Quóniam confirmáta
est super nos misericórdia ejus; et
véritas Dómini manet in aetérnum.

O praise the Lord, all nations:
praise Him all peoples.
For His mercy is evermore
towards us and the Truth of the
Lord endureth for ever.

Adorémus in aetérnum
Santissimum Sacraméntum.

Let us adore for ever the most
Holy Sacrament.

Glória Patri et Filio, et Spiritui
Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et
nunc, et semper, et in saécula
saeculórum.
Amen.

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.

Adorémus in aetérnum
Santissimum Sacraméntum.

Let us adore for ever the most
Holy Sacrament.