



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XVI - 18th July 2021

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

God Himself is my help, the Lord upholds my life: I will offer You a willing sacrifice; I will praise Your Name, O Lord, for its goodness. Save me, O God, by Your Name: and render justice to me in Your strength. 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.

God Himself &c

+ Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

We have sinned through our thoughts and through our thoughtlessness: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We have sinned through our words and through our silence: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We have sinned through our deeds and through our inaction: 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:

Compassionate God, from far and near You gather Your Church into one. Safeguard the unity of Your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd, that all Your scattered children may find in Him the guidance and nourishment they seek; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the LORD. "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the Letter to the Church in Ephesus.

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord: I know them and they follow Me. 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.

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them.

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As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

God has called us in Christ and gathered us here today; in response to His call, let us lay before Him the needs of the Church and the world:

Let us bring to mind the work of the Church throughout the world:

[Petitions]

Lord and Shepherd of all guide the Church along the right path that we may listen to Your voice and be true to Your Name: Lord, hear us ...
Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us bring to mind the world, which God has made:

[Petitions]

Lord and Shepherd of all, raise up true and wise leaders for our world, who will practise honesty and integrity, that we may all dwell in confidence and peace: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us bring to mind the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord and Shepherd of all, may goodness and kindness follow us all the days of our life, that our communities may be places of security and contentment: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

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Let us bring to mind those who carry burdens of ill-health or other troubles:

[Petitions]

Lord and Shepherd of all, revive the drooping spirits of all who suffer, anoint them with the balm of Your compassion and give them Your comfort: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us bring to mind those who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord and Shepherd of all, grant to those who have died a place at the eternal banquet You have prepared for us, that they may dwell in Your own House for ever and ever: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us bring to mind the things, which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Gregory of Nyssa and all the saints, we make our prayers not of any merit of our own, but trusting in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one Body, you are called to peace.

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.

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,

for Christ has risen from the tomb

and scattered the darkness of death

with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,

unfolds for us your word,

and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day

you summon us to live in endless light,

the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels

and with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory

and join their unending song of praise:

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.

The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things He has done: He is compassion and love; He always provides for His faithful.

Holy Communion follows.

After Holy Communion:

Let us pray:

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard Your Word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung Your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of Your love shine with the light of hope; and the bodies which have been fed with Your Body be refreshed with the fullness of Your life; Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.](#)