



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass and Confirmation for Sunday VII 2022, 20th
February**

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

1. All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

2. Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His Wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From His store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

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4. Daily doth th' Almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At His hand;
Joy doth wait at His command.

5. Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges 1844 - 1930
Music: Michael
Herbert Howells 1892 - 1983

Peace be with you
And with thy spirit.

The Bishop introduces the Liturgy.

Lord, Your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in Your saving power.
I will sing to the Lord for His goodness to me. How long will You
forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long will You hide Your Countenance
from me? 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.

Lord, Your mercy &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:

Compassionate God and Father, You are kind to the ungrateful, merciful even to the wicked. Pour out Your love upon us, that with good and generous hearts we may keep from judging others and learn Your way of compassion; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit; God, throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

A reading from the former Book of Samuel.

Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. So David and Abi'shai went to the army by night; and there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay around him. Then said Abi'shai to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand this day; now therefore let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice." But David said to Abi'shai, "Do not destroy him; for who can put forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?" So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head; and they went away. No man saw it, or knew it, nor did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side, and stood afar off on the top of the mountain, with a great space between them; Then Saul said, "I have done wrong; return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day; behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." And David made answer, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and fetch it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put forth my hand against the LORD'S anointed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins ♦ and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦ and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

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The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦ slow to anger and of great kindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦ nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

As far as the east is from the west, ♦ so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, ♦ so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

A Reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

"The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: Love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. 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.

Jesus said to His disciples, "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to every one who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The sermon follows.

The Bishop makes his way to the Baptistry; arriving, he honours with incense the place where we encounter Christ's saving Presence in Baptism.

1. Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.

2. And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as He has died.

3. Simply to His grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, Him the strong.

4. And I hold in veneration,
For the love of Him alone,
Holy Church as His creation,
And her teachings as His own.

5. Adoration ay be given,
With and through th' angelic host,
To the God of earth and Heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Words: John Henry Newman 1801 - 90

Music: Shipston

Warwickshire Ballad

Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

May God, Who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you strength to continue in the way.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the Faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.*

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;*

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He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into Heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing,
O Comforter draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will ling;
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

The candidates kneel before the Bishop, who then says the prayer of Confirmation, invoking the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Who has made Heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord
now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen.

Following the ancient tradition, the Bishop now marks the gift of the Holy Spirit by laying his hands on the candidates' heads and they are anointed:

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

N. Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
Amen.

Defend, O Lord ...
*these Your servants with Your heavenly Grace,
that they may continue Yours for ever,
and daily increase in Your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to Your everlasting Kingdom. Amen.*

Members of Christ's Church are called to worship and serve God:

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the Breaking of Bread and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

[Amen.](#)

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

We pray for Bethel, Destiny, Divine, Precious and Rejoice whom we welcome into full membership of the Church today, that they might continue to grow in faith and love and serve You all their days:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all who confess your Name, that they may be united in truth, live together in love and show forth your glory in the world:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for our troubled world and all areas of strife and suffering, that Christ's peace may come to reign:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for our families and friends, the parishes outside these walls and all those who are members of the communities of which we are a part, that we may feel the blessing of Christ's risen Presence in our midst:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all those of our Church and community who need our prayers, that Your heavenly unction may soothe them and bring them relief from their burdens:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all who have died, that they may rest in peace and at the last rise in glory:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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In a moment of silence, we offer to God any private prayers that we may have:

Lord, hear us ... *Lord, graciously hear us.*

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we pray that God will bless His whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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:

Render secure my footsteps in Your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline Your ear and hear my words: display Your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Saviour of those who put their trust in You.

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.

1. We pray Thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in Thy love,
And pour upon Thy children
The unction from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our Eucharist to Thee.

2. All that we have we offer,
For it is all Thine own,
All gifts, by this appointment,
In bread and cup are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin,
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.

3. Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign,
By that His operation,
The Holy Ghost divine,
Lies hid the sacred Body,
Lies hid the precious Blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ, our Lord and God.

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4. Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in Thine eyes;
For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The Catholic oblation
Of Jesus Christ is made.

Words: VS Stuckley Coles 1845 - 1929

Music: Ellacombe

Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

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.

Merciful God, Your Word inspires us to bring an offering of our love.
May we always be ready to work according to Your Will; in and
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The bishop 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 bishop 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 bishop 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,
Amen,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen,
all honour and glory are Yours, almighty 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 bishop 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.

Give praise to the Lord for His kindness, for His wonderful deeds towards us: He has filled the hungry with good things, He has satisfied the thirsty.

Holy Communion follows.

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill.
For Thou are with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

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4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes,
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter 1650

Music: Crimmond

Melody by Jessie Irvine 1836 - 87

Harmony by TCL Pritchard 1885 - 1960

After Holy Communion:

Happy are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled. Happy those who
hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.

Let us pray:

Merciful Father, Who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the Bread of life,
that those Who come to Him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord
in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with Him at His table in the
Kingdom, where He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Now and for ever.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who has made Heaven and earth.

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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

Thanks be to God.

The Angel of Lord brought the tidings to Mary;

and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh;

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary &c

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. Forth in the Peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
The world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4. Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's Truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's Name.

5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ restores
True Peace, true Love, to all mankind.

Words: James Quinn SJ b 1919

Music: Song 34 (Angels' Song)

Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1625

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