



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Advent IV - 21st December 2022

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

The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

As the fourth Advent candle is lit:

Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle;
to You be praise and glory for ever!
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen Your glory
may daily be renewed in Your image
and prepared like her for the coming of Your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

Words: John Milton 1608 – 74
Music: S Stephen
William Jones 1726 - 1800

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

When the Lord comes, He will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the Light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

For the times we have been slow or failed to acknowledge Christ's authority for our lives: Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

For the times when we have hidden our discipleship of Christ: Christe eleison.
Christe eleison.

For the times we have been unprepared to serve our Lord: Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness.

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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. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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

Let the clouds rain down the Just One: and earth bring forth a Saviour. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. One day pours out its song to another: and one night unfolds knowledge to another. They have neither speech nor language: and their voices are not heard. Yet their sound has gone out into all lands: and their words to the ends of the world. 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 the clouds &c

Let us pray:

Eternal God, in the psalms of David, in the words of the Prophets, in the dream of Joseph Your Promise is spoken. At last, in the womb of the Virgin Mary Your Word takes flesh. Teach us to welcome Jesus, the promised Emmanuel and to preach the Good News of His Coming, that every age may know Him as the Source of Redemption and Grace. We ask this through Him, Whose coming is certain, Whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah:

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'uel.

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.

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; ♦ and the King of glory shall come in.

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

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead,

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Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son: and they will call Him Emmanuel, a Name which means God is with us. 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 Matthew.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife.

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.
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.

Through the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to a new way of life; let us pray during this season of Advent that He will renew His Presence in His Church and in the world:

Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for the Church:

[Petitions]

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for the world:

[Petitions]

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

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Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for all who are anxious:

[Petitions]

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Come, O Lord, and hear our prayers for those who have died:

[Petitions]

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Come, O Lord, and hear our private prayers:

[Silence]

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour: Come and save us, O Lord our God. Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask that Your Son, Who is the peace between us, reconciling all creation, may strengthen us that our lives may be totally committed to His service: the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen](#).

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace: of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end:
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:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Let us here who represent Cherubim guards around God's throne, As they cry out their thrice holy hymn, Praising the life-giving Trinity, Lay aside all earthly care. Borne by the power of angels' wings To His people now comes the King of kings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train.
Alleluia ... !
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the Tree,
Deeply wailing ...
Shall the true Messiah see.

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Those dear tokens of His Passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exaltation
To His ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture ...
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal Throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the Kingdom for Thine own:
O come quickly ...!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come.

Words: Charles Wesley 1797 - 88
Music: Helmsley
Melody noted by T Olivers 1725 - 99

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.

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit Who sanctified the Mother of
Your Son, make holy what we offer you here in the Name of 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 and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.

In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn 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.

Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life; Lord
Jesus, come 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,
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 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 Virgin is with child and shall bear a Son: and she will call Him Emmanuel.

Holy Communion follows.

For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy Name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her Child she gazed.

The angel Gabriel brought the Word
She should Christ's mother be;
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.

The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won.

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She gave her body for God's shrine,
Her heart to piercing pain,
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.

Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in Your Son, whom you embrace
In birth and death confessed.

Words: JR Peacey 1896 - 1971

Music: S Botolph

Gordon Slater 1896 - 1979

After Holy Communion:

The Virgin is with child and will give birth to a Son: and she will call
Him Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, Who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother
of the promised Saviour: fill us Your servants with Your grace, that in
all things we may embrace Your holy will and with her rejoice in Your
salvation; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness
from before your path and make you ready to greet Him when He
comes in glory; 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.

At the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

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.

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Amen.

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.

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
Enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And Heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge 1792 - 51

Music: Bristol

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