



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Aidan Evans's  
appointment as Organist at Saint Matthew's (9<sup>th</sup> September) 2023**

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
The God of Truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains,  
He took His seat above.  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His Kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and Heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus give:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command,  
And fall beneath His feet:  
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*  
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

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*Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88*

*Music: Gopsal*

*Melody and bass by GF Handel 1685 - 1759*

*Arr Redmund Shaw*

+ 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.*

We have often failed to sustain the peace and concord of Christ's Church; let us confess our failure to live in harmony with one another and with God.

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.*

Loud organs God's glory forth tell in deep tone; and sweet harp the story of what He hath done. O praise the Lor with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp: praise Him with strings and pipe. 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.

Loud organs &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:

Lord of Heaven and earth, Who in the gift of music has revealed to us Your divine beauty; teach us to love you in all Your gifts and to devote ourselves in all our lives to the glory of Your Name; 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 Apocalypse.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; sing psalms and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 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.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

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

*A homily may follow.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

For all Church organists, choirs and musicians and that the music of our Liturgy may lift our hearts to God, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For His Majesty the King, his Parliament, Government and Judiciary, for all countries and their leaders that there may be harmony and peace amongst the peoples of earth, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For Aidan, Margaret and their family, for the members of our congregations both present and past, our families and friends and for God's blessing on our Christian community and those who visit our church, that they may know contentment and flourishing, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For those who live amidst conflict, poverty or disease, for those who are sick in mind or body, for those for whom prayers are offered here day by day and for all whose lives are overshadowed by clouds of misery, that they may find relief from their burdens, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For Norah and Wilfrid EVANS, for Ivy and Tony STEWART, for our Father Robert, all past members of our congregations who have died and for all the departed, that they may rest in peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with Our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Aidan, Saint Margaret, Saint Wilfrid and all the saints, we commend ourselves and all people to the love of our eternal God through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
[Amen.](#)

Above all things put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony and 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:*

I praise You and Your faithfulness, O God, playing on an instrument of music: I will sing to You upon the harp, O holy One of Israel.

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.*

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.

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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.

*Italiam, Bianco da Siena d 1434*  
*Tr RF Littledale 1833 - 90*  
*Down Ampney*  
*R Vaughan Williams 1872 - 1958*

*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.

Lord God almighty, Whom angels and archangels worship with all the  
host of Heaven; in Your loving kindness accept the worship and praise  
offered by Your servants here gathered together, who are not worthy to  
praise You but for Your mercy's sake; in and through Jesus Christ our  
Saviour.

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.

We do well always and everywhere

To give You thanks and praise,

Almighty and eternal God,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the days of the Old Covenant,

That Your people might draw close to Your Presence,

You placed singers before the Altar

To make sweet melody with their voices;

With harps and cymbals and stringed instruments.

During these times of the renewed Covenant

when types and shadows have their ending

and the newer rite has come

In Christ our Passover Lamb

and adorned with Your gift of music

Our prayer is carried to Your Altar on high

Where the hosts of Heaven sing Your praise;

And so our worship on earth

Is joined with the prayers and praises of the angels in Heaven

As together we join in the eternal song of Your glory.

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.

The priests stood at their posts; the Levites also with the instruments for music to the Lord, which King David had made for giving thanks to the Lord.

*Holy Communion follows.*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,  
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living bread to men doth here afford!  
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,  
And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

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O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,  
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74  
Tr James Woodford 1820 - 85  
Music: Adoro Te

*After Holy Communion:*

Ascribe majesty to the Name of the Lord and give thanks to Him with praise. Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe.

Let us pray:

Holy and eternal God, Whose glory Cherubim and Seraphim and all the hosts of Heaven proclaim; grant that we, who have participated in these Holy Mysteries here on earth, may be admitted hereafter to have our part in the worship of Heaven; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Notices may follow.*

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus that you may one day come to the citizenship of Heaven with Our Lady and all the saints 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.*

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.

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!  
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs.  
Alleluia ....!

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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 ...!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
All Saints triumphant raise the song.  
Alleluia ....!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia ....!

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