



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Corpus Christi - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,  
First begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone our strong Defender,  
Liftest up Thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
Let we fail to know Thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia,! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal lamb, Thine Offering finished  
Once for all when Thou was slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

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Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken rock from streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship Thee, the Lamb Who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, Ascended, Glorified.

Words: GH Bourne 1840 - 1925  
Music: Bryn Calfaria  
Melody by William Owen 1913 - 93

+ 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,  
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.](#)

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

*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 Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people, "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; ♦ praise your God, O Zion;  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates ♦ and has blest your  
children within you.

He has established peace in your borders ♦ and satisfies you with  
the finest wheat.

He sends forth his command to the earth ♦ and his word runs very  
swiftly.

He declares his word to Jacob, ♦ his statutes and judgements to  
Israel.

He has not dealt so with any other nation; ♦ they do not know his  
laws.

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

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood  
of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the  
body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one  
body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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 Kuke.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and cured those who had need of healing. Now the day began to wear away; and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a lonely place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish -- unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each." And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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;

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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.

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.

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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.](#)

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.](#)

[The Lord opened the doors of Heaven and rained down manna upon them to eat: He gave them bread from Heaven; they ate the bread of angels. Alleluia!](#)

*As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:*

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.*

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.

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.

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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.

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

Words: VS Stucklet 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.*

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.

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.*

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:  
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.

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

*Holy Communion follows.*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,  
Who in Thy Sacrament are 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, Jesus, 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 face.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74

Tr James Woodford 1820 - 85

Music: Anima Christi

William Mahler 1823 - 77

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

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.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74

Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66 et al

Music: Wareham

William Knapp 1698 - 1768

## THE PROCESSION

Laud, O Sion, thy salvation,  
Christ thy King and Shepherd true,  
Laud with hymns of exaltation  
Him to Whom all praise is due.  
Spend thyself His honour raising  
As is fitting so to do.  
*Ave verum Corpus Christi. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Sing today, the Mystery showing  
Bread of Heaven before thee yet,  
E'en the same of old provided,  
On the holy table set;  
Where twelve friends, divinely guided,  
With their Lord and Saviour met.  
*Ave Verum &c*

Lo! The new King's table gracing,  
Hath fulfilled the older rite:  
This new Passover effacing,  
That of old, which passed from sight;  
Truth revealed, the shadow chasing,  
Day is breaking on the night.  
*Ave verum &c*

What He did at Supper seated,  
His memorial ne'er to cease:  
Christ ordained to be repeated  
In the holy Eucharist,  
Round the Altar, where He calls us,  
This our Sacrifice of peace:  
*Ave verum &c.*

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Through the Faith to Christians given,  
Wondrous things are understood:  
Bread becomes His Flesh from Heaven,  
Wine becomes His holy Blood;  
So our sight, the world transcending,  
Gazes on this heav'nly Food.  
*Ave verum &c*

Wine is poured and bread is broken,  
Earth and Heaven to design,  
Glories to the sight forbidden,  
Seeing but the outward sign;  
But, beneath these signs are hidden,  
Christ our Lord by power divine.  
*Ave verum &c*

To the glory of the Father,  
And to that of Christ the King,  
In the power of the Spirit,  
All our thanks and prayers we bring.  
To the Trinity be glory  
As with joyful hearts we sing:  
*Ave verum &c*

Words: Corpus Christi Sequence  
S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74  
Tr in the Roman Missal adapted RGSD  
Music: Music: Ebenezer  
Thomas Williams 1869 - 1944

*Devotions follow:*

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.](#)

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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.

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:*

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 the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing,  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might and praise addressing  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever to His love confessing,  
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74

Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66 et al

Music: Picardy

French carol probably C17

Found in Tiersot's Melodies Parish 1887

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:*

Let us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament.

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.

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 us adore for ever the most Holy Sacrament

O praise our great and glorious Lord,

And call upon His Name,

To strains of joy tune every chord,

His mighty acts proclaim:

Tell how He freed His chosen race

From Pharaoh's heavy hand,

And led them by His sovereign Grace

To seek the Promised Land.

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He gave the shadowing cloud by day,  
The moving fire by night,  
To guide His people on their way,  
And make their darkness light:  
To us, the light of Christ our Lord  
Illumines all our ways;  
He leads us by His Gospel word  
And turns our sighs to praise.

We too have manna from on high,  
The Bread that came from Heaven,  
And He Who brought salvation nigh  
Has living water given;  
A rock is ours, from whence the spring  
In rich abundance flows,  
And Christ that rock, our Priest and King,  
Both life and health bestows.

Come, let us prize this heavenly food,  
And trust our heavenly Guide,  
So shall we find death's fearful flood  
Serene on Jordan's tide;  
So safely reach th' eternal shore  
No more by ills opprest;  
Where saints their Lord and God adore,  
And in His glory rest.

Words: Editors NEH  
Based on verses by Herbert Auber 1773 - 1862  
Music: S Matthew  
William Croft 1878 - 1727