



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter Day (31st March) 2024

When the bell rings, all STAND and gather around the Easter Garden as we sing:

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that He endured alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the skies He's King, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Words: Lyra Davh
Music: Easter Hymn
Adapted from a melody in Lyra Davidica 1708

At the Easter Garden:

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
Trampling down death by Death. Alleluia”!

Let us pray:

Holy, Jesu, to deliver us from the power of darkness You humbled Yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger. Let the Light of Your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of Your beauty, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Let us, therefore, rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a true and sincere heart:

We have lived by our own strength and not by the power of Your Resurrection: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

We have lived by the light of our own eyes as faithless and not believing: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in Heaven: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

The people are sprinkled with holy water to recall the forgiveness of their sins in the waters of Baptism. The following is sung and people make the sign of the cross as they sprinkled:

From the right side of the Temple
I beheld a flowing stream,
Washing many in its waters
From their sickness to redeem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Sang they unto God supreme.

Let us offer our thanksgiving
To our ever gracious Lord,
Who through
all the world's long ages
Boundless mercy has outpoured.
May He with the Son and Spirit
Now and always be adored.

From the right side of the Temple
I beheld a flowing stream,
Washing many in its waters
From their sickness to redeem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Sang they unto God supreme.

Words: Based on the Vidi Aquam
Music: Neander
Melody Joachim Neander 1830 - 80

During the Gloria in excelsis, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Let us pray:

God of undying life, by Your mighty hand and raise up Jesus from the grace and appointed Him Judge of the living and the dead. Bestow upon those baptized into His Death the power flowing from His Resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace You give us. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace, Who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, the Splendour of eternal light, God, throughout all ages, world without end.
Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦ his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, ♦ 'His mercy endures for ever.'

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦ the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die, but live ♦ and declare the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders rejected ♦ has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, ♦ and it is marvellous in our eyes.

A Reading from the Letter to the Church in Colossae.

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: let us, then, celebrate the feast of the Lord. 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 John.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

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Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

In the power of the Resurrection and in union with Christ, let us who share in Christ's risen Life make our intercession to God our Father for the needs of the world and the Church:

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, fill Your Church in Jerusalem and throughout the world with the grace of His Resurrection that we may feast on the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, may isolated and persecuted Christians find fresh strength in the Good News of Easter: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, grant us an increase of charity that we may be subjects of Your just and gentle rule: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, provide for those who lack food or work, shelter or security and protect those who are neglected or abused: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, strengthen nations and their leaders to work for that time when war and famine shall cease throughout the world: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, lead and sustain our nation and the countries of the world to overcome the pandemic around us: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, reveal the Light of Your Presence and compassion to the sick, the weak and the dying, amongst them [petitions] that they might find comfort from their burdens: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, hear our prayers for those who have died [petitions]; that the light perpetual of Your Resurrection may shine upon them: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, as we celebrate the New Life of Your Son, we ask that the whole world may bask in the glory of the Resurrection and find the peace of the Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[Amen.](#)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
[He is risen indeed. Alleluia!](#)

The risen Christ came and stood among His Apostles and said, “Peace be with you.” They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
[And also with you.](#)

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.

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So let all earthly cares be cast 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!

Words: Based on the Cherubikon
Music: Woodlands
Walter Greatorex 1877 - 1949

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we Him Whose love divine
Gives His guests His Blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, love the Priest.

Where the Paschal Blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb, Whose Blood was shed,
Paschal Victim! Paschal Bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.

Mighty Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now Thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.

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Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do Thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father unto Thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.

Words: From a Latin Breviary hymn
TrRobert Campbell 1814 - 68
Music: Salzburg
Melody by J Hintze 1622 - 1702
Harmony by JS Bach 1685 - 1750

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; everything in Heaven and earth is Yours.

All things come from You and of Your own do we give You.

God our Strength and our Salvation, accept our offering this day and grant that we who have confessed Your Name and received new life in Baptism, may live in the joy of His Resurrection, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Father all-powerful and ever-living God,

We do well always and everywhere

To give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise You with greater joy than ever

On this Easter day

When Christ became our Paschal Sacrifice.

He is the true Lamb, Who took away the sin of the world.

By dying He destroyed our death;

By rising He restored our life.

And so with all the choirs 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.

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 in Heaven,
hallowed by Your Name,
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours,
now and for 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.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; grant us Your
peace..

*The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to
receive Holy Communion:*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

Hail, Easter bright, in glory dight!
Ye heavens, laugh and sing:
Since Christ, our Light, uprose by night,
Let carols greet the King.

The work of death has been reversed
By Jesu's Victory;
And mortals from their prison burst
To His new life and free.

Was ever such a battle won?
By loss, the Victor's gain:
And He Who held the reed of scorn,
A sceptre doth obtain.

Then sing of Him Who rose from death,
Sing forth with heart and voice!
In Christ, our Sun, our Life, our Light,
Let earth and heaven rejoice.

Words: Daniel's Thesaurus Hymnologicus c1530
Tr GR Woodward 1848 - 1934
Music: Southwold
Suffolk Traditional Melody

After Holy Communion:

Let us pray:

God of life, Who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the Death of the Cross, and by His glorious Resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His risen life, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the eternal Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; 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 to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the Name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, Who through the Resurrection of Thy Son, hath brought joy to the whole world; grant us with the Blessed Virgin Mary to attain to the joys of life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy Body lay.*

Thine be etc

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be etc

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be etc

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Tr Richard Hoyle 1875 - 1939
Music: Maccabaeus
GF Handel 1685 - 1759

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