



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter Day (5th April) 2026

The Lord has risen indeed, alleluia! Glory and kingship be is for ever and ever. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know when I sit down and when I rise up. 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 &c

+ 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!

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Poppy and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

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.

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified:

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore you in the image of His glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

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!

At the Easter Garden:

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.

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

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.

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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.

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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!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to You, 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. 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 to You, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

God the Father : have mercy on us.
God the Son: have &c
God the Holy Spirit: have &c
God the Holy Trinity: have &c

Blessed Mary, Mother of God: pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist: pray for us.
Saint Michael the Archangel: pray for us.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul: pray for us.

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Saint Matthew: pray for us.
Saint Philip: pray for us.
All Apostles and Evangelists: pray for us.
All holy Martyrs: pray for us.
All holy Confessors: pray for us.
Saint Nicholas: pray for us.
Saint Augustine of Hippo: pray for us.
Saint Patrick: pray for us.
Saint Aidan: pray for us.
Saint Columba: pray for us.
Saint Cuthbert: pray for us.
Saint Hilda of Whitby: pray for us.
Saint Chad: pray for us.
Saint Cedd: pray for us.
Saint Bede: pray for us.
Saint Ninian: pray for us.
All you saints of God: pray for us.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates 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;
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,

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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.

The priest baptizes Poppy

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The priest then anoints Poppy:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

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. Amen.

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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: RGSD based on the Vidi Aquam

Music: Neander

Melody set to Unser Herrscher in

Alpha and Omega by Joachim Neander 1650 - 80

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, we pray for Poppy whom we welcome into the Church today, that she might grow in faith and love and so become a light to the world: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

God of glory, as we rejoice on this day that You have made, we pray for all who will care for Poppy that their example will help her grow as a child of God: 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.](#)

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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.](#)

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, as well as those injured or bereaved in the war in Ukraine or the conflict in the Holy Land: 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 recently, among them Roger MANN together with those who have fallen in the war in Ukraine and the conflict in the Holy Land; and those whose year's mind falls at this time, by name: 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.

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

The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.
Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of His precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

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That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.
Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And He, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

O Thou from Whom Hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in Thee.
For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered Hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
Fulfil in us Thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share Thy Paschal victory.
To Thee Who, dead, again dost life,
All glory, Lord, Thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally.

Words: Latin - probably C7
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 1866
Music: Jerusalem
C Hubert H Parry 1848 - 1918

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 with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

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Words: William Willaims 1717 - 91
Tr Peter Williams 1727 - 96 and others
Music: Cwm Rhondda
John Hughes 1873 - 1932

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.

Then Poppy is given a candle (lit from the Easter Candle, which symbolises the goodness of the living Christ shining in a world darkened by sin) to show that she must share in Jesus' work of defending goodness in a bad world.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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

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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

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GF Handel 1685 - 1759

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