



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter III – 14th April 2024

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

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His Light, to Whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joys to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's Resurrection.

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Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold Thee as a mortal;
But today amidst Thine own
Thou didst stand bestowing
That Thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

Words: Greek S John of Damascus c750

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Music: Ave Virgo Virginum

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+ 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.](#)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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](#)

I beheld water which proceeded from the Temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia! And all they to whom that water came were healed every one; and they say, alleluia, alleluia!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious: and His mercy 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.

I beheld water &c

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy: praise the glory of His Name, proclaim His glorious Grace. Alleluia! How awesome are Your deeds, O Lord: in the greatness of Your power, Your enemies will be convicted of lying to You. 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 all the earth &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.

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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:

God of all the prophets, You fulfilled Your promise of old that Your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures and fill us with joyful wonder in the Presence of the risen Christ, that we may be His witnesses to the farthest reaches of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the First-born from the dead, 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 Acts of the Apostles.

The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦ you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦ when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦ Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, ♦ more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦ for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us: make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. 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 Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The disciples told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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.

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:

Let us turn to the Lord and pray for the Church:

[Petitions]

O God of justice, open the minds of the Church that Your love may come to perfection within us: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn to the Lord and pray for the world:

[Petitions]

O God of justice, hasten the day when the whole earth shall cry out to You with joy, proclaiming Your glorious praise: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn to the Lord and pray for the communities of which we are a part:

[Petitions]

O God of justice, grant Your Peace to us that we may share that Peace with those whom we meet: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn to the Lord and pray for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

O God of justice, lift up the light of Your face and answer those who call to You in their anguish: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn to the Lord and pray for those who have died:

[Petitions]

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O God of justice, let those who have lain down to the sleep of mortal death, dwell with You in safety for ever: Lord, hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us turn to the Lord and lay before Him our private prayers ... 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 with thy spirit.

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord throughout my life: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. Alleluia!

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!

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 Thine appointment,
In bread and wine are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin,
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.

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 Thine eyes;
For praise and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The Catholic oblation
Of Jesus Christ is made.

Words: VS Stuckley Coles 1845 - 1929
Music: Meirionydd
Later form of a melody by W Lloyd 1785 - 1852

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

Creator of all, You wash away our sins in water, and give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the Blood of Christ. As we celebrate the Resurrection, renew Your gift of life within us. We ask this 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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn 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,
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:

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

Sing to the Lord, sing to His holy Name: proclaim His salvation day after day. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

O Food of men wayfaring,
the bread of angels sharing,
O manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us,
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling,
O purest fountain, welling
from out the Saviour's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us,
and all we need provide.

O Jesus, by thee bidden,
we here adore thee, hidden
'neath forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven,
we may behold, in heaven,
thy countenance divine.

Words: C17 Latin
Tr Athelsan Riley 1858 - 1945
Music: In Allen Meinen Thaten
C18 German Chorale in Zion's Harfes Leipzig 1855

After Holy Communion:

Christ has to suffer and to rise again on the third day: in His Name, forgiveness of sins is preached to all nations. Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Living God, Your Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in all His redeeming work; Who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

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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.](#)

Forth in the Peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
The world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's Truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's Name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ restores
True Peace, true Love, to all mankind.

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