



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter III – 4th May 2025

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

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With Angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘To be exalted thus’;
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘For He was slain for us.’

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever Thine.

Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674 – 1748
Music: Nativity
Henry Lahee 1826 - 1912

+ 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.
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 life, in Your risen Son You reveal Your abiding Presence among us and summon those reborn in Baptism to lives of worship and service. Fill this assembly with reverence and prayer. Grant us courage and zeal in bearing witness before the world to Your Son, Jesus Christ, the First-born from the dead, 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.

The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up ♦ and have not let my foes triumph over me.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ♦ you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦ give thanks to his holy name.

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For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦ Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

‘Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; ♦ O Lord, be my helper.’
You have turned my mourning into dancing; ♦ you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness.

A Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse.

Then I, John, looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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 John.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tibe'ri-as; and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathan'a-el of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zeb'edee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised 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.

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 call on the Name of the Lord for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, may Your Church know the Presence of the risen Christ and by the character of our lives offer Him praise, honour and glory: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call on the Name of the Lord for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, hear the voices of all, pleading to You from the earth for justice and peace and grant Your mercy to all people: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call on the Name of the Lord for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, strengthen the bonds of community that we may honour one another and live together in concord: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call on the Name of the Lord for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, listen to the cries of those who suffer or are afraid, have pity on them and come to their help: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us call on the Name of the Lord for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, raise to life eternal the souls of those who have sunk into the grave and gather them around Your throne: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call on the Name of the Lord for those matters, which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint James the Less, Saint Augustine, Saint Athanasius 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!](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1807 - 85

Music: Lux Eoi

Arthur Sullivan 1842 - 1900

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.

Soul of my Saviour,
Sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ,
Be Thou my saving Guest;
Blood of my Saviour,
Bathe me in Thy tide,
Wash me with water
Flowing from Thy side.

Strength and protection
May Thy Passion be;
O blessed Jesus,
Hear and answer me;
Deep in Thy wounds, Lord,
Hide and shelter me;
So shall I never,
Never part from Thee.

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Guard and defend me
From the foe malign;
In death's dread moments
Make me only Thine;
Call me, and bid me
Come to Thee on high,
When I may praise Thee
With Thy saints for aye.

Words: Latin C14
Tr anon
Anima Christi
William Maher 1823 - 77

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!

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.

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! By this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! For us He died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluya!

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Jesus lives! Our hearts know well
Nought from us His love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of Hell
Tear us from His keeping ever. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where He is gone,
Rest and reign with Him in Heaven. Alleluya!

Words: Christian Gellert 1715 - 69
Tr Frances Cox 1812 - 97
Music: S Albinus
HJ Gauntlett 1805 - 76

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