



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter III – 19th April 2026

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

Alleluya! Alleluya!
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.

Alleluya! Christ is risen!
He is with us as He said;
Recognised by us, His Body,
In the Breaking of the Bread;
And our hearts fair burn within us
As God's Word, He doth unfold,
King and Priest and great Messiah
In the prophecies foretold.

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Though now vanished from our sight,
He makes constant intercession
For us in the heav'nly height;
And to us His faithful servants
Hope and glory He hath showed
As to Clopas and another
Walking the Emmaus Road.

Alleluya, alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father and the Saviour
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya, alleluya!
To the triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1807 - 85
And RGSD
Music: Lux Eoi
Arthur Sullivan 1842 - 1900

+ 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:

O God of mystery, out of death You delivered Christ Jesus and He walked in hidden glory with His disciples. Stir up our faith, that our hearts may burn within us at the sound of His Word, and our eyes be opened to recognise Him in the Breaking of the Bread; in and through Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace, 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.

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know -- this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will dwell in hope. For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.' "Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

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Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you see and hear.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦ I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦ in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦ indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦ and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; ♦ he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦ my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦ nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦ and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A Reading from the former Epistle General of Saint Peter.

If you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

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He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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.

Two of the disciples were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened.

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Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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:

In the glory of the risen Christ, let us pray for the Church;

[Petitions]

Lord our God, show to Your Church the path of life that we may ever keep You in sight and stand firm in the Faith: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In the glory of the risen Christ, let us pray for the world;

[Petitions]

Lord our God, give counsel to the leaders of the world and direct their hearts that all people may live in peace with equity: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In the glory of the risen Christ, let us pray for the people we meet;

[Petitions]

Lord our God, grant that our communities may live in safety that they may be places of flourishing and contentment: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In the glory of the risen Christ, let us pray for all who suffer;

[Petitions]

Lord our God, hear all who cry out to You from the earth in their suffering, preserve them from their burdens and let them find refuge in You: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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In the glory of the risen Christ, let us pray for those who have died;

[Petitions]

Lord our God, do not abandon the souls of those who have died to Hades, but grant them a place in Your nearer Presence: Lord, hear us ...
Lord, graciously hear us.

In the glory of the risen Christ let us lay our private prayers before God:
Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Philip, Saint George, Saint Augustine Saint Anselm 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!

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 us 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 wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

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 Calfaría
Melody by William Owen 1813 - 93

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.

Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life He gave;
Before the Cross our spirits fall,
And own it strong to save.

‘One offering, single and complete,’
With lips and hearts we say;
But what He never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the Priest of Aaron’s line
Within the Holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So He Who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents Himself for those He bought
In that dark noontide hour.

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His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On Heaven's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite He gives
Its Presence to His own.

And so we show Thy Death, O Lord,
Till Thou again appear;
And feel, when we approach Thy board,
We have an altar here.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1901
Music: Albano
Vincent Novello 1781 - 1861

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.

The strife is o'er the battle done;

Now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath His foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morn He rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from Heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Latin C17

Tr Francis Pott 1832 - 1909

Music: Victory

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Terti Toni with Alleluya by WH Monk 1823 - 89

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