



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Easter VII – 17th May 2026

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

Th' eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are opened wide,
The King of glory is fone up
Unto His Father's side.

And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils Thee from our eyes.

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
And let Thy Grace be given,
That, while we life on earth below,
Our treasure be in Heav'n.

That, where Thou art at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
For evermore in Thee.

Words: Mrs CF Alexander 1818 - 95
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!

What God has prepared for those who love Him, He has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence and faith open our hearts to the Lord, Who has prepared good things for those who love Him:

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

Lord, hear my voice when I call to You: my heart has prompted me to seek Your face: Lord, do not hide from me. Alleluia! The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear. 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.

Lord, hear my voice &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 our Father, glorify Your Son in the lives of the people called by His Name. Through no merit of ours, You have made us Your own, to be Your witnesses on earth. Keep us true to the name we bear, that people everywhere may know that You are the God and Lover of us all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

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

After Jesus was taken up into Heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ♦ The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: ♦ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦ and to seek his will in his temple.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ♦ have mercy upon me and answer me.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ♦ Your face, Lord, will I seek.

A Reading from the former Epistle General of Saint Peter.

Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord: I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. 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 lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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.

Through Christ, Who ascended to the right hand of the God to make intercession for us, let us lay our needs and those of the world before God our Father:

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him for the Church:

[Petitions]

Good and gracious Father, may Your followers so seek to keep Your Word that we may be one as You are one with Your Son and the Holy Spirit: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him for the world:

[Petitions]

Good and gracious Father, may the world see the power that You have given to Your Son that all may seek the justice and peace He proclaimed: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Good and gracious Father, may our communities know You as the stronghold of our lives that we may face our challenges with confidence: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

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Good and gracious Lord, may all who suffer know You as their light and help that they shall not fear and find peace from their burdens: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Good and gracious Lord, give eternal life to all who have died that they may savour Your sweetness and behold Your Temple: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear our voice when we call to Him with our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine of Hippo, Saint Dunstan, Saint Alcuin of York and all the saints, as we celebrate the New Life of Your Son, we ask that our prayers may rise before You like incense; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[Amen.](#)

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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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:

God has gone up amidst shouts of joy: the Lord to the sound of the trumpet. 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!

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
See the King in royal state
Riding on the clouds His chariot
To His heavenly palace gates;
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluyas sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King.

Who is this that comes in glory,
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory;
He Who on the Cross did suffer,
He Who from the grace arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan,
He by death has spoiled His foes.

Thou hast raised our human nature
In the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with Thee in glory stand;
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in Thine Ascension
We by faith behold our own.

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Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm has won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit;
To One God in persons Three;
Glory both in earth and Heaven,
Glory, endless glory be.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1807 – 85

Music: Babilone

Irish traditional melody

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.

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of His glory, 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,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless 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.

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!

This is the prayer of Jesus: that His believers may become one with the Father. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

O King most high of earth and sky
On prostrate death Thou treadest,
And with Thy Blood dost mark the road
Whereby to Heaven Thou leadest.

O Christ, behold Thine orphaned fold,
Which Thou hast borne with anguish,
Steeped in the tide from Thy rent side,
O leave us not to languish!

The glorious gain of all Thy pain
Henceforth dost Thou inherit;
Now comes the hour – then gently shower
On us Thy promised Spirit.

Words: Breviary hmn C17
Tr William Blew 1808 – 94
Music: Ach Gott und Herr

Version of a melody in New Leipziger Gesangbuch 1682
Harmony by JS Bach 1685 - 1750

After Holy Communion:

Father, when I was among them, I kept those You had given Me: Now I am coming to You, I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from evil. Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Eternal God, Giver of love and power, Your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the Gospel of His Kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the Good News we proclaim in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the Word and works of God; 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.

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of Truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His Kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and Heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus give:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

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He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:
*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88

Music: Gopsal

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