



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Lent II (1<sup>st</sup> March) 2026**

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

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.*

1. To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.  
*Hear us, O Lord, &c*

2. O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. [Refrain]  
*Hear us, O Lord, &c*

3. God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated  
bow down and hearken to they children  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. [Refrain]  
*Hear us, O Lord, &c*

4. Sins oft committed now we lay before thee  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. [Refrain]  
*Hear us, O Lord, &c*

5. Innocent, captive, taken unresisting  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. [Refrain]  
*Hear us, O Lord, &c*

The Lord be with you.  
[And with thy spirit.](#)

The Sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart He will not despise. Our sin is always before us; let us, therefore, confess our sins in penitence and Faith.

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Yet we are preoccupied with money and worldly goods and even try to increase them at the expense of justice. Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison.](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are the gentle for they shall inherit the earth." Yet we are ruthless with one another, and our world is full of discord and violence. Christe eleison ... [Christe eleison.](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Yet we are impatient under our own burdens and unconcerned about the burdens of others. Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison.](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled." Yet we do not thirst for You, the fountain of all holiness, and are slow to spread Your influence in our private lives or in society. Christe eleison ... [Christe eleison.](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Yet we are slow to forgive and quick to condemn. Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison.](#)

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." Yet we are prisoners of our senses and evil desires and dare not raise our eyes to You. Christe eleison ... [Christe eleison.](#)

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Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Yet we fail to make peace in our families, in our country and in the world. Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison](#).

Lord Jesus Christ, You said: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for the kingdom of God is theirs." Yet we prefer to practice injustice rather than suffer for the sake of right; we discriminate against our neighbours and oppress and persecute them. Christe eleison ... [Christe eleison](#).

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. 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. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*During the **Introit**, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.*

Remember Your mercies, Lord, Your tenderness from ages past: do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the Stronghold of my life: of whom then shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall. If an army encamp around me: my heart shall not be afraid. 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.

Remember Your mercies &c

Let us pray:

Holy God, from the dazzling cloud You revealed Jesus in glory as Your beloved Son. During these forty days enlighten Your Church with the bright glory of Your Presence. Inspire us by Your Word and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord, 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 Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

The word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice; ♦ the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, ♦ on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦ he is our help and our shield.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦ as we have set our hope on you.

A Reading from the latter Letter to Timothy.

Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory. From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is My Son, the Beloved, listen to Him." Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is 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 almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds.  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten not made;  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from Heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into Heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And He shall come again in glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead;

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Whose Kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, the Giver of life,  
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spake by the prophets.  
And we believe  
one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With confidence and trust in God, remembering that all we have comes from Him and without Him we are nothing, let us lay our thanks and prayers before the Throne of Grace:

Let us make our prayer to God for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord, our Help and our Shield, grant Grace to Your Church that we may learn to rely on Your power alone and hear Your call to holiness: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us make our prayer to God for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord, our Help and our Shield, fill the earth with Your love that justice and right may flourish throughout the whole world: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us make our prayer to God for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

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Lord, our Help and our Shield, bless our communities that we might find contentment and live in peace one with another: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us make our prayer to God for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord, our Help and our Shield, do not hide from those who suffer, but remember Your mercies and deliver them from their distress: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us make our prayer to God for those who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord, our Help and our Shield, in Your love look on those who have died and rescue their souls from death: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us make our private prayer to God: ... Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint David, Saint Chad and all the saints, we ask for grace to put our trust in You and learn always to bow before Your Will for the same of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen](#).

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given us access to His Grace.

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:*

I will meditate on Your commandments, which I love exceedingly; I will lift up my hands towards Your commandments, which I love.

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!

O Vision blest of heavenly light,  
Which meets the three disciples' sight,  
When on the holy mount they see  
Their Lord's transfigured majesty.

More bright than day His raiment shone;  
The Father's voice proclaimed the Son  
Belov'd before the worlds were made,  
For us in mortal flesh arrayed.

And with Him there on either hand  
Lo, Moses and Elijah stand,  
To show how Christ, to those who see,  
Fulfils both law and prophecy.

O Light from light, by love inclined,  
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,  
Accept Thy people's prayer and praise  
Which on the mount to Thee they raise.

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Be with us, Lord, as we descend  
To walk with Thee to journey's end,  
That through Thy Cross we too may rise,  
And share Thy Triumph in the skies.

To Thee, O Father; Christ, to Thee,  
Let praise and endless glory be,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore,  
One Lord, One God, for evermore.

Words: GB Timms b 1910  
Music: Hereford  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 76

*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.

God our wisdom, may the Light of the eternal Word, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, guide us to Your glory in the same 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 and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Lord, by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free; You are  
the Saviour of the world.

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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.*

Let us ask God to forgive us our sins and bring us to forgive those who  
sin against us:  
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:*

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

This is My Son, the Beloved: in Whom is all My delight, listen to Him.

*Holy Communion follows.*

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy Face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy Body glorified,  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy Kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.

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'Tis good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

J Armitage Robinson 1858 - 1933

Music: Carlisle

Charles Lockhart 1745 - 1815

*After Holy Communion:*

My heart has prompted me to seek His Face: I seek It, Lord; do not hide from me.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Notices may follow.*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves daily, take up your cross and follow Him; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

*In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

The Angel of Lord brought the tidings to Mary;  
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of  
our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh;

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary &c

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth Your Grace into our hearts, we beseech You O Lord, that  
as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the  
message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion, we may be brought  
to the glory of His Resurrection; in and through the same Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus, these eyes have never seen

That radiant form of Thine;

The veil of sense hangs dark between

Thy bless-ed face and mine.

I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,

Yet art Thou oft with me;

And earth hath ne-er so dear a spot

As where I met with Thee.

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Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love Thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
Unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
And still this throbbing heart,  
The rending veil shall Thee reveal  
All glorious as Thou art.

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