



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Lent IV (15th 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.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her: rejoice with her, you who mourned for her; and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts. I rejoiced when it was said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing: within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity with itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the Name of the Lord. 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.
Rejoice, Jerusalem! &c

Let us pray:

God our Creator, show forth Your mighty works in the midst of Your people. Enlighten Your Church, that we may know Your Son as the true Light of the world and through our worship confess Him as Christ the Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

[Amen.](#)

A Reading from the former Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eli'ab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still
waters.
He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be
full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from the Letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

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. I am the Light of the world, says the Lord: anyone who follows Me shall have the light of life. 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 John.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

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;
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 pray to the Lord for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, guide Your Church along the right path that we may be like children of the light and be true to Your Name: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us pray to the Lord for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, shine Your light into the darkness of our world that the peoples of earth may want for nothing but embrace complete goodness, right living and Truth: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us pray to the Lord for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, bless our communities that goodness and loving kindness may follow us all the days of our lives: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us pray to the Lord for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, revive the drooping spirit of those who walk in the valley of dark suffering and give them comfort that they may have no fear: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

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

[Petitions]

Lord our God, Shine the Light of Christ on those who have died that they may dwell in Your heavenly house for ever and ever: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Let us offer our private prayers to the Lord: ... Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Joseph, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Oscar Romero, Saint Augustine 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:

Praise the Lord for He is loving; sing in honour of His Name for He is gracious: He has accomplished whatever He resolved to do in Heaven and earth.

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!

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moons and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

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For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure Sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

Words: FS Pierpoint 1835 - 1917
Music: Lucerna Laudoniae
David Evans 1874 - 1948

*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 of mercy and compassion, Whose Word calls us home to faith and
love, receive our Sacrifice this day and strengthen us in Your service,
through 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.

My Son, you should rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life: he was lost and is found.

Holy Communion follows.

Now is the healing time decreed
For sins of heart and word and deed,
When we in humble fear record
The wrong that we have done the Lord.

Who, always merciful and good,
Has borne so long our wayward mood,
Nor cut us off unsparingly
In our so great iniquity.

Therefore with fasting and with prayer,
Our secret sorrow we declare,
With all good striving seek His Face,
And lowly-hearted plead for grace.

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Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain,
Help us the gifts of grace to gain,
Till with the angels, linked in love,
Joyful we tread Thy courts above.

We pray Thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.

Words: Latin
Tr TA Lacey 1853 - 1931
Music: Rockingham
Adapted by Edward Miller 1731 – 1807
Harmony chiefly from Webbe's Collection of Psalm Tunes 1820

After Holy Communion:

Thos who put their trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion: the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall never be shaken.

Let us pray:

Lord God, Whose blessed Son our Saviour gave His back to the smiters and did not hide His face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; 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.

The God of love my shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And, as it never shall remove,
So neither shall my praise.

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Music: University

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