



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Lent V (22<sup>nd</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.](#)

God shows His love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for Him by confessing 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.*

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked: rescue me from the deceitful and unjust. You, O God are my refuge. Why have You put me far from You: and why do I go so heavily while the foe oppresses me. O send out Your Light and Your Truth that they may lead me: and bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling. That I may go to the Altar of God: to the God of my joy and gladness. 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.  
Give me justice &c

Let us pray:

Merciful God, You showed Your Glory to our fallen race by sending Your Son to confound the powers of death. Call us forth from sin's dark tomb; break the bonds which hold us, that we may believe and proclaim Christ, the Cause of our freedom and the Source of life; 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 Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you home into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, says the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦ O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, ♦ so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦ in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦ more than the night watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦ for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption ♦ and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

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 Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord; whoever believes in Me shall never die. 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.

The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Laz'arus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." When Jesus came, he found that Laz'arus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house.

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Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Laz'arus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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.

In these days when Christ prayed and entreated His Father in the anguish of His Passion, let us pray to the Lord, not trusting in our own good deeds, but in His power to save:

Let us ask God our Father to hear our prayer for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Refuge, may truly live and believe in You that we may seek and find the forgiveness, which is found in You: Lord, in Your mercy ... [Hear our prayer](#).

Let us ask God our Father to hear our prayer for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Refuge, defend our world against wickedness and rescue us from injustice that all people may live in peace: Lord, in Your mercy ... [Hear our prayer](#).

Let us ask God our Father to hear our prayer for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Refuge, grant to our communities a true sense of mutual concern that all may find flourishing and contentment: Lord, in Your mercy ... [Hear our prayer](#).

Let us ask God our Father to hear our prayer for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Refuge, let Your ears be attentive to the voices pleading for all who suffer that they may know the healing power of Your mercy: Lord, in Your mercy ... [Hear our prayer](#).

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Let us ask God our Father to hear our prayer for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Refuge, put Your spirit into those who have died and open their graves that they may live in Your near Presence for ever: Lord, in Your mercy ... [Hear our prayer.](#)

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

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Oscar Romero, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask that Your compassion for us shall fill us with hope and a new purpose in life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

Once we were afar off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near by the shedding of Christ's Blood.

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 praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and observe Your Word: revive me according to Your Word, O Lord.

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!

Who is this with garments gory,  
Triumphing from Bozrah's way;  
This that weareth robes of glory,  
Bring with more than victory's ray?  
Who is this unwearied comer  
From His journey's sultry length,  
Travelling through Idume's summer  
In the greatness of His strength.

Wherefore red in Thine apparel  
Like the conquerors of earth,  
And arrayed like those who carol  
O'er the reeking vineyard's mirth?  
Who art Thou, the valleys seeking  
Where our peaceful harvest's wave?  
'I in righteous anger speaking,  
I, the mighty One to save;

'I that of the raging heathen  
Trode the winepress all alone,  
Now in victor-garlands wreathen  
Coming to redeem mine own:  
I am He with sprinkled raiment,  
Glorious for my vengeance hour,  
Ransoming, with priceless payment,  
And delivering with power.

Hail! All hail! Thou Lord of Glory!  
Thee, our Father, Thee we own;  
Abram heard not of our story,  
Israel ne'er our name hath known.  
But, Redeemer, Thou hast sought us,  
Thou hast heard Thy children's wail,  
Thou with Thy dear Blood hast bought us:  
Hail! Thou mighty Victor, hail!

Words: Arthur Cleveland Coxe 1818 - 96  
Music: Ebenezer

Thomas Williams 1869 - 1944

*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.

Giver of life, Whose Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in Him, accept our sacrifice this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; 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 just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Has no one condemned you? The woman answered no one, Lord: Neither do I condemn you: go and do not sin again.

*Holy Communion follows.*

O sacred head, sore wounded,  
Defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
With mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars Thy grandeur?  
Can death Thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance Whose splendour  
The hosts of Heaven adore.

Thy beauty, long desired,  
Hath vanished from our sight;  
Thy power is all expired,  
And quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! For whom Thou diest,  
Hide not so far Thy grace:  
Show me, O Love most highest,  
The brightness of Thy face.

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I pray Thee, Jesus, own me,  
Me, Shepherd good, for Thine;  
Who to Thy fold hast won me,  
And fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
Incline Thy face to me,  
This comfort that I lose not,  
On earth to comfort Thee.

In Thy most bitter Passion  
My heart to share doth cry,  
With Thee for my salvation  
Upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
To stand Thy Cross beneath,  
To mourn Thee, well-beloved,  
Yet thank Thee for Thy Death.

My days are few, O fail not,  
With Thine immortal power,  
To hold me, that I quail not  
In death's most fearful hour:  
That I may fight befriended,  
And see in my last strife  
To me Thine arms extended  
Upon the Cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt from a C14 Latin hymn  
Tr Robert Bridges 1844 - 1930  
Music: Passion Chorale  
Melody in HL Hassler's Lustgarten 1601  
Harmony by JS Bach 1685 -1750

*After Holy Communion:*

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies: save me from evil and teach me to do Your Will.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers we do also for You: give us the will to be the servant of others as You were the Servant of all and gave up Your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

*Notices may follow.*

Christ crucified draw you to Himself to find in Him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.

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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.](#)

O Love divine, how sweet Thou art!  
When shall I find my longing heart  
All taken up by Thee?  
I thirst, I faint and die to prove  
The greatness of redeeming love,  
The Love of Christ to me.

Stronger His love than death or hell,  
Its riches are unsearchable:  
The first-born sons of light  
Desire in vain its depths to see;  
They cannot reach the Mystery,  
The length and breadth and height.

God only knows the Love of God;  
O that it now were shed abroad  
In this poor stony heart!  
For love I sigh, for love I pine,  
This only portion, Lord, be mine,  
Be mine this better part.

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For ever would I take my seat  
With Mary at the Master's feet:  
Be this my happy choice;  
My only care, delight and bliss,  
My joy, my heaven on earth, be this:  
To hear the Bridegroom's voice.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88  
Music: Cornwall  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 76

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