



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Low Sunday (12th April) 2026

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

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!

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!

At the Easter Garden:

Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
Trampling down death by Death. Alleluia"!

Let us pray:

Holy, Jesu, to deliver us from the power of darkness You humbled Yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger. Let the Light of Your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of Your beauty, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

[Amen.](#)

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: C17 Latin
Tr Francis Pott 1832 - 1909

Music: Victory

Adapted from the Gloria of Palestrina's Magnificat tertii toni
With Alleluias by WH Monk 1823 - 89

Rejoice to the full in the glory that is Yours: and give thanks to God,
Who called You to His Kingdom. Alleluia! Rejoice in honour of God
our helper: shout for joy to the God of Jacob. 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 to the full &c

+ 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

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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

*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:

God of life, Source of all faith, through the waters of Baptism You have raised us up in Jesus and given us life that endures. Day by day refine our faith, that we who have not seen the Christ may truly confess Him as our Lord and God, and share the blessedness of those who believe. Grant this 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.

The whole community devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦ his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, ♦ ‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, ♦ ‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Let those who fear the Lord proclaim, ♦ ‘His mercy endures for ever.’

Surely, I was thrust to the brink, ♦ but the Lord came to my help.

The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦ and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation ♦ sound from the tents of the righteous:

The stone which the builders rejected ♦ has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing, ♦ and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦ we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from the former Letter of Saint Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see Me: happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia, 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.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

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:

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the Church:

[Petitions]

O Lord and God, in the Light of the Resurrection, strengthen Your Church in Faith that we may not doubt, but believe and remain faithful: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the world:

[Petitions]

O Lord and God, grant that all the world may hear Christ's greeting of Peace and there may be rejoicing in the tents of the just: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the communities of which we are a part:

[Petitions]

O Lord and God, guard our communities and attend to their need that they may be places of peace and flourishing for all people: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

O Lord and God, be the Strength and Help of those who are thrust down and plagued by all sorts of trials that they may know the Hope revealed to us in Christ's Resurrection: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for those who have died:

[Petitions]

O Lord and God, grant salvation to those who have died and call them to Your Kingdom where they may rejoice in the full glory that is Yours: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for those matters, which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, 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:](#)

[The angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and said to the women: 'The One Whom you seek has risen, as He said He would. 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!](#)

Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
Ye sons of daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting. Alleluya!

On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek. Alleluya!

An Angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.' Alleluya!

That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came the Lord most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!' Alleluya!

When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His Word,
He doubted if it were the Lord. Alleluya!

'Thomas, behold my side,' saith He,
'My hands, My feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluya!

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried. Alleluya!

Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluya!

On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluya!

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And we with Holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light. Alleluya!

Words: Jean Tisseraud d 1419

Tr JM Neale 1818 – 66

Music: O Filii et Filiae

Melody in Airs sur les Hymnes Sacres Parish 1683

Harmony EW Goldsmith 1860 - 1934

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 grace, You have freed us from our sins and made us a Kingdom in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept our sacrifice this day and strengthen us in the new life You have given us, 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, 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!

Jesus spoke to Thomas, "Put your hand here and see the place of the nails: doubt no longer, but believe. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch 1835 – 89
Music: Carlisle
Charles Lockhart 1745 - 1815

After Holy Communion:

Like newborn children, you should thirst for milk: on which your spirit can grow to strength. Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ You have assured Your children of eternal life and in Baptism have made us one with Him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the Grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with Him, from death's domains
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where He has gone before.

Triumphant in His glory now
His sceptre ruleth all;
Earth, Heaven and hell before Him bow
All at His footstool fall.

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While joyful thus His praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into His palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

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

Words: S Fulbert of Chartres d 1028

Tr Robert Campbell 1814 - 68

Music: S Fulbert

HJ Gauntlett 1805 - 76

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