



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> September) 2026**

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

Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Filled His Temple, and repeated  
Each to each th' alternate hymn:

'Lord, Thy glory fills the Heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto Thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing  
'Lord of Hosts, the Lord most high.'

With His Seraph train before Him,  
With His holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore Him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

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'Lord, Thy glory fills the Heaven,  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto Thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Words: Richard Mant 1776 – 1848

Music: Redhead no48

Richard Redhead 1820 - 1901

+ 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.](#)

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God the Judge of all, and to Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

[Kyrie eleison.](#)

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

[Christe eleison.](#)

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

[Kyrie eleison](#)

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

Bless you the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power: you obey His Word and heed the sound of His voice. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise His holy Name. 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.

Bless you the Lord &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:

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as Your holy angels serve You in Heaven, so, at Your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages, world without end.

[Amen.](#)

A Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

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In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, all His hosts: His servants who do His Will. 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 saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*A homily may follow.*

Let us pray to the Lord of Heaven and earth that His creatures on earth may come to serve Him as do the angels in Heaven:

Father in Heaven, by His Blood Your Christ has ransomed us to You, and has made us a kingdom and priests to our God. As the angels minister to You in Heaven, strengthen Your Church, like Saint Gabriel to be heralds of Your Gospel on earth.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

Father in Heaven, when the angels greeted the Birth of our Son, they sang for joy, "Glory to God and peace on earth". Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

Father in Heaven, Your servant Saint Michael battled against the evil of this world. Give strength to good people to overcome the wickedness in their midst.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

Father in Heaven, Your Son has promised to Your children the care of the Guardian angels, who look upon Your face. Protect by Your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

Father in Heaven, You give Your angels charge over those who trust in You to guard them in all their ways. Send Saint Raphael to the sick and suffering, the sad, the lonely and show them Your salvation.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

Father in Heaven, Your angel declares, "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord". Enfold in Your love all who bend the knee before Your judgement seat in Heaven.

Lord, hear us ... [Lord graciously hear us.](#)

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In union with our Lady, Saint Michael and all the angels, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we commit ourselves to the service of God's holy Will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hear again the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.

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:*

An angel stood by the Altar of the Temple with a golden censer in his hand; he was given much incense and its smoke ascended to God on high.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present. At the end:*

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels,  
Thou Who hast made us, Thou Who o'er us rulest,  
Grant us Thy mercy unto us Thy servants  
Steps up to Heaven.

Send Thy archangel, Michael, to our succour;  
Peacemaker blessed, may he banish from us  
Striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful  
All things may prosper.

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Send Thy archangel, Gabriel, the mighty;  
Herald of Heaven, may he from us mortals  
Spurn the old serpent, watching o'er the temples  
Where Thou art worshipped.

Send Thy archangel, Raphael, the restorer  
Of the misguided ways of men who wander,  
Who at Thy bidding strengthens soul and body  
With Thine anointing.

May the blest Mother of our God and Saviour,  
May the assembly of the saints in glory,  
May the celestial companies of angels  
Ever assist us.

Father almighty, Son and Holy Spirit,  
God ever blessed, be Thou our Preserver;  
Thine is the glory which the angels worship,  
Veiling their faces.

*Words: Latin 9<sup>th</sup> century tr Athelstan Riley*  
*Music: Coelites Plaudant*  
*Rouen Antiphoner*

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 glory, as You have appointed angels to minister in Your  
Presence; so may all our worship bring You worthy praise. We ask this  
in and 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,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
You reveal your wise purpose  
for the salvation of the human race  
by assigning to the angels and archangels  
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.  
While they contemplate your glory,  
standing before you and singing your praise,  
they keep a faithful vigil for us,  
guarding us along the way that leads to life,  
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.  
In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs  
and sing the ageless hymn of your 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,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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:*

+ 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.

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: sing praises and magnify Him above all for ever.

*Holy Communion follows.*

Around the Throne of God a band  
Of glorious angels ever stand;  
Bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,  
And on their heads are crowns of gold.

Some wait around Him, ready still  
To sing His praise and do His Will;  
And some when He commands them, go  
To guard His servants here below.

Lord, give Thy angels every day  
Command to guide us on our way,  
And bid them every evening keep  
Their watch around us while we sleep.

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So shall no evil thing draw near,  
To do us harm or cause us fear;  
And we shall dwell, when life is past,  
With angels round Thy Throne at last.

Words: JM Neale 1818 – 66

Music: Morning Hymn

Francois Barthelemon 1741 - 1808

*After Holy Communion:*

In the sight of the angels, I will sing Your praises, my God.

Let us pray:

Lord of Heaven, in this Eucharist You have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this good of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so we may come to share their joy in Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Notices may follow.*

God keep you in the fellowship of His saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service;; 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 of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

O, higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou, bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious magnify the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, (alleluia, alleluia,) alleluia!

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.

Thee, O Christ, the Father's splendour,  
Life and virtue of the heart,  
In the presence of the angels  
Sing we now with tuneful art,  
Meetly in alternate chorus  
Bearing our responsive part.

Thus we praise with veneration  
All the armies of the sky;  
Chiefly him, the warrior primate,  
Of celestial chivalry,  
Michael, who in princely virtue  
Cast Abaddon from on high.

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By Whose watchful care repelling -  
King of everlasting grace -  
Every ghostly adversary,  
All things evil, all things base,  
Grant us of Thine only goodness  
In Thy Paradise a place.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.

Words: Att Abp Robanus Maurus  
Music: Oriel  
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