



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for the Nativity of the BVM (8th September) 2026

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

1. Hail, O star that pointest
Towards the port of Heaven,
Thou to whom as maiden
God for Son was given.

2. When the salutation
Gabriel had spoken,
Peace was shed upon us,
Eva's bonds were broken.

3. Bound by Satan's fetters,
Health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us
At thy gentle pleading.

4. Jesu's tender Mother,
Make thy supplication
Unto Him Who chose thee
At His Incarnation.

5. That, O matchless Maiden,
Passing meek and lowly,
Thy dear Son may make us
Blameless, chaste and holy.

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6. So, as now we journey,
Aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus,
And rejoice for ever.

7. Father, Son and Spirit,
Three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory,
Equal praise and blessing.

Words: C9 Latin
Tr Athelstan Riley 1858 - 1945
Music: Ave Maris Stella
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+ 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 done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased Him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord comfort us. Let us, therefore, come to Him, Who knows our every deed and thought.

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.

Let us celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary: of whom was born the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord. My heart overflows with a goodly theme: I address my works to the King. 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.
Let us celebrate &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:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant that we, who have seen Your glory revealed in our human nature and Your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in Your image and conformed to the pattern of Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

I put my trust in your steadfast love; ♦ my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, ♦ for he has dealt so bountifully with me.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Virgin Mary and most worthy of all praise: for the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, was born of you.. 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 Matthew.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of She-al'ti-el, and She-al'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

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But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[Praise be to Thee, O Christ.](#)

A homily may follow.

As Mary obeyed God's will for her to become the Mother of His Son; so let us turn in obedience to Him and lay before Him the needs of the world and the Church:

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive and bear a son who would be called God-with-us: help us to look forward to Your deliverance and seek the fullness of Your Kingdom: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the Mother of the Saviour: help every Christian person to be open to Your Word and obedient to Your will: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Mary bore a Son of David's line, born a King Whose reign would never end: bless all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

The Child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Mary and Joseph: strengthen our homes and families and keep under Your protection all whom we love: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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In the motherhood of Mary, many find strength and inspiration: guide and strengthen the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

At the foot of the Cross stood His Mother, and from the Cross she received his lifeless Body in her arms: give comfort and healing to all who suffer and all who watch the suffering of those they love: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

As he held Christ in his arms, Simeon warned Mary that a sword would pierce her soul. Enfold in Your love all who endure abuse and anguish and give them hope: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

The Apostle John saw a vision of a woman in Heaven, robed with the sun: bring us will all who have died to share the joy of Heaven with our Lady and all the saints: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Anne, Saint Joachim and all the saints, we pray that the whole world may come to praise and magnify God's holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

God has set His sanctuary in our midst for evermore; and established a covenant of 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:

[My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; and my spirit exults in God my Saviour.](#)

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!

1. Ye who own the Faith of Jesus
Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father
O'er our sin the vict'ry won,
When He made the Virgin Mary
Mother of His only Son.

2. Blessed were the chosen people
Our of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise
Fashioned for His earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother
She who bare Him in the womb.

3. Wherefore let all faithful people
Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed
Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness
Let Christ's people sing the same.

4. Let us weave our supplications,
She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful
For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful
For each heedless wanderer.

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5. For the sick and for the aged,
For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret,
All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us,
In this Eucharist we pray.

6. With her let us praise the Father,
Praise her Saviour and her Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit,
Who hath made her ark and throne
With the greatest of God's people
Let us praise the Three in One.

Words: VS Stuckley Coles 1845 – 1929

Adapted RGSD

Music: Grafton

French Tantum Ergo

in Chants Ordinaires d'office Divin Paris 1881

*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, receive all we offer You this day. May we share with
the Virgin Mary the joys of Your eternal Kingdom and live with You in
unending joy. We ask this in the Name of 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.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,

We do well always to give You thanks

As we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In choosing her to be the Mother of Your Son

You have exalted the humble and meek.

Your angel hailed her as the most highly favoured;

With all generations we call her blessed

And with her we rejoice and magnify Your holy Name.

Therefore we blend our voices with the choirs of angels

And all the powers of Heaven

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.

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.

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary: who has carried the Son of the eternal Father.

Holy Communion follows.

1. Virgin born, we bow before Thee:
Blessed was the womb that bore Thee:
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessed was she in her child.

2. Blessed she by all creation,
Who brought forth the world's Salvation,
And blessed they for ever blest,
Who love Thee most and serve Thee best.

3. Blessed was the breast that fed Thee;
Blessed was the hand that bore Thee;
Blessed was the parent's eye
That watched Thy slum'bring infancy.

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4. Virgin born, we bow before Thee:
Blessed was the womb that bore Thee:
Mary, Mother meek and mild,
Blessed was she in her child.

Words: Bishop R Heber 1783 - 1826
Music: Mon Dieu Prete moi l'oreille
Melody contributed by
L Bourgeois c 1510 -61
Harmony by R Vaughan Williams

After Holy Communion:

The Virgin shall bear a Son, Who will save the people from their sins.

Let us pray:

God our Father, by our sharing in this Holy Communion give us courage in our weakness, free us from our sins and make our sacrifice acceptable to You that our lives may praise and glorify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

May the Holy Spirit by Whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the Good News of Christ; 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.

1. O glorious Maid, exalted far
Beyond the light of burning star,
From Him Who made thee thou hast won
Grace to be Mother of His Son.

2. That which was lost in hapless Eve
Thy holy offspring did retrieve:
The tear-worn sons of Adam's race
Through thee have seen the heavenly place.

3. Thou wast the gate of Heaven's high Lord,
The door through which the light hath poured.
Christians rejoice, for through a Maid
To all mankind is life conveyed.

4. O Jesu, Virgin-born to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

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Music: Morning Hymn
Fracois Barthelemon 1741 - 1808

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