



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Pentecost– 24h May 2026**

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

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world: it holds all things together and knows every spoken word. Alleluia! Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered: and let those who hate Him flee before Him. 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.

The Spirit of the Lord &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!*

Fifty days ago, we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Forty days later, He ascended to sit at the right hand of God, where He reigns as King of kings. On the Day of Pentecost, He gave to His Church the gift of the Holy Spirit that we might be strengthened and inspired to continue His work on earth. As we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, with thankfulness in our hearts that we have been called into the Body of Christ, let us renew our commitment to service of Christ within His Church.

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*With the help of God we will.*

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Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and turn to the Lord?

With the help of God we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God we will.

Will you seek to serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God we will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God we will.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of Thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;  
That through the ages all along  
This may be our endless song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray:

May God, Who received you by Baptism into His Church, continue to pour upon you the riches of His Grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by His anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of His saints in glory.

*Amen.*

Let us go forth in Peace:

*In the Name of Christ. Amen.*

*Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed for ever;  
Day wherein God from heaven shone on the world with His grace.*

Lo! In the likeness of fire, on them that await His appearing,  
He Whom the Lord foretold, suddenly, swiftly, descends.

*Hail &c.*

Forth from the Father He comes with His sevenfold mystical dowry,  
Pouring on human souls infinite riches of God.

*Hail &c*

Hark! In a hundred tongues Christ's own, His chosen Apostles,  
Preach to a hundred tribes Christ and His wonderful works.

*Hail &c*

Praise to the Spirit of life, all praise to the Fount of our being,  
Light that dost lighten all, Life that in all dost abide.

*Hail &c*

God, Who art the Giver of all good gifts and Lover of concord,  
Our Thy balm on our souls, order our ways in Thy peace.

*Hail &c*

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God almighty, Who fillest the Heaven, the earth and the ocean,  
Guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within.

*Hail &c*

Kindle our lips with the live bright coal from the hands of the Seraph;  
Shine in our minds with Thy light; burn in our hearts with Thy love.

*Hail &c*

Words: based on the Latin of Veratius Fortunatus 530 – 609

Music: Salva Festa Dies

R Vaughan Williams 1872 - 1958

*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:

God of majesty and glory, You bring us to the day that crowns our joyful Easter feast. Open for us the fountain of living waters promised to the faithful, that the outpouring of the Spirit may reveal Christ's glory and enlighten all who wait in hope for the glorious day of redemption. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the life, Who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, the Splendour of eternal light, God, throughout all ages, world without end.

[Amen.](#)

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦ O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;

So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.

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

I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.. 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.

But when the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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,

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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.

Through Christ, Who ascended to the right hand of the God to make  
intercession for us, let us lay our needs and those of the world before  
God our Father:

Let us ask God to renew the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord of all, send forth Your Spirit and fill the Church with true  
Godliness and knowledge of You:

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

Let us ask God to renew our world:

[Petitions]

Lord of all, send forth Your Spirit and fill the world beset by turmoil and uncertainty with wise counsel:

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

Let us ask God to renew the communities of which we are a part:

[Petitions]

Lord of all, send forth Your Spirit and fill our communities with mutual understanding:

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

Let us ask God to renew the strength of those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord of all, send forth Your Spirit and fill those who carry burdens with inward strength:

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

Let us ask God to renew the souls of those who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord of all, send forth Your Spirit and let those who have died live eternally in Your love:

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

Finally, in a moment of silence, let us ask God to renew us we reflect on our private prayers (silence): ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine of Hippo, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Saint Bede and all the saints, as we celebrate the New Life of Your Son, we ask that our prayers may rise before You like incense; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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:*

Confirm, O God, that which You have accomplished in our midst; from Your holy temple which is in Jerusalem; kings shall offer presents to You. 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!

Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,  
First begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone our strong Defender,  
Liftest up Thy people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesu, true and living Bread!

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Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
Let we fail to know Thee now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia,! Alleluia!  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal lamb, Thine Offering finished  
Once for all when Thou was slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
stricken rock from streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship Thee, the Lamb Who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, Ascended, Glorified.

Words: GH Bourne 1840 - 1925  
Music: Bryn Calfaria  
Melody by William Owen 1813 - 93

*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, accept our sacrifice this day and let the Spirit You bestow in Your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all Who believe in the Gospel 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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
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,  
*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!

The love of God has been poured into our hearts: by His Spirit living among us. Alleluia!

*Holy Communion follows.*

Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing,  
O Comforter draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

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And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will ling;  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till we become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Words: Italian, Bianco da Silva d1434

Tr RF Littledale 1833 - 90

Music: Down Ampney

R Vaughan Williams 1872 - 1958

*After Holy Communion:*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit; and they spoke of the great things God had done. Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Faithful God, Who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us Your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by Your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*Notices may follow.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the Word and works of God; 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.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy Body lay.

*Thine be etc*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be etc*

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No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;  
Life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

*Thine be etc*

Words: French, Edmond Budry 1854 - 1932

Tr Richard Hoyle 1875 - 1939

Music: Maccabaeus

GF Handel 1685 - 1759

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