



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S Barnabas (11th June) 2026

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

1. The 'Son of Consolation',
Saint Barnabas the good,
Filled with the Holy Spirit
And faith in Christ the Lord,
In lowly self-oblation,
To make an offering meet,
Laid down his earthly riches
At the Apostles' feet.

2. The Son of Consolation,
In following His Lord
Attained the martyr's glory,
And entered his reward:
With him is faith now ended,
For ever lost in sight,
Where love made perfect fills him
With praise and joy and light.

3. All sons of consolation,
How great their joys will be
When Christ the King shall tell them
'You did it unto me':
The merciful and loving
The Loving Lord shall own,
And set them as His jewels
Around the Father's throne.

Words: Maud Coote 1852 - 1935
Music: Ellacombe
Mainz Gesangbuch 1833

+ 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.

Jesus said to His Apostles, "You are my friends if you obey My commands." Let us now confess our disobedience to Him.

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.

Blessed are you, Saint Barnabas, you were a man of faith: filled with the Holy Spirit and counted among the Apostles. O Lord, You have searched me and known me: you know when I sit down and when I rise up. 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.

Blessed are you &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:

Bountiful God, Giver of all gifts, Who poured Your Spirit upon Your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, 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.

A great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyre'ne, Man'a-en a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦ for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm ♦ have won for him the
victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦ his deliverance has he
openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of
Israel, ♦ and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of
our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦ break into singing and
make music.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦ with the lyre and the voice
of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦ sound praises before the
Lord, the King.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all nations, says the Lord: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. 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.

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay. Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the labourer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart. As you enter the house, salute it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

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

A homily may follow.

As we honour today the memory of Saint Barnabas, let us pray that their work may be continued in the Church and in the world:

Father, Your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow Him as His disciples in the way of the Cross. Strengthen and sustain those whom He has called today, marked with the cross and made His disciples within the Church:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Father, Your Son told His disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them His gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which He sent them out and give it Your peace:

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

Father, Your Son called Barnabas to Salamis where he received the martyrs' crown. Watch over the people of Cyprus and make them faithful to his memory:

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

Father, Your Son formed around Him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and He called all those who obeyed Him His brother and sister and mother. Look with love upon our families and friends and upon the communities of which we are a part:

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

Father, Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on and all those in distress and dis-ease, who yearn to feel Your loving touch:

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

Father, Your Son promised those who followed Him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the Banquet of Heaven. According to Your promise enfold in Your eternal love and all those who have walked their path on earth:

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

Father, Your Son retreated from His followers to pray; in a moment of silence we lay before You our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Barnabas, Saint Augustine, Saint Richard of Chichester and all the saints, we ask for obedience to work Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

We are fellow citizens with the saints and the whole household of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who came and preached peace to those who were afar off and those who were near.
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:

You shall make them princes in all lands: they shall remember Your Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.

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. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
That brought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,
And having with us Him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to Thee
That only Offering perfect in Thine eyes,
The one true, pure immortal Sacrifice.

2. Look, Father, look on His anointed face,
And only look on us as found in Him;
Look not on our misusings of Thy grace,
Our prayer so languid and our Faith so dim:
For lo! Between our sins and their reward
We set the pattern of Thy Son our Lord.

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3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast,
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal:
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
And crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4. And so we come; O draw us to Thy feet,
Most patient Saviour, Who canst love us still;
And by this Food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In Thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us never more to part with Thee.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1901
Music: Unde et Memores
WH Monk 1823 - 89

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.

Faithful God, accept our sacrifice this day; and kindle in us the flame of love by which Your Apostle Barnabas bore witness to the Gospel. We ask this 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,

That we should give You thanks and praise

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord.

For after His Resurrection He sent out His Apostles

To preach the Gospel to all nations

And lead us in the way of Truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,

He founded His Church to stand firm for ever

As a sign of Your holiness upon earth

And a living witness to all of the way that leads to Heaven.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heaven,

We join the Hosts of Heaven in their triumphant song.

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.

No longer shall I call you servants, for a servant knows not what his master does: now I shall call you friends, for I have revealed to you all that I have heard from my Father.

Holy Communion follows.

1. O Son of God, our Captain of Salvation,
Thyself by suffering schooled to human grief,
We bless Thee for Thy sons of consolation,
Who follow in the steps of Thee, their Chief:

2. For all true helpers, patient, kind and skilful,
Who shed Thy light across our darkened earth,
Counsel the doubting, and restrain the wilful,
Soothe the sick bed and share the children's mirth.

3. Such was Thy Levite, strong in self-oblation
To cast his all at Thine Apostles' feet;
He whose new name, through every Christian nation,
From age to age our thankful strains repeat.

Words: J Ellerton
Music: Strength and Stay
JB Dykes 1823 - 76

After Holy Communion:

You who have followed me shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, says the Lord.

Let us pray:

Lord God, the Source of Truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God, Who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with our Lady, Saint Barnabas and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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.

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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.](#)

1. O Son of God, eternal Love,
Who came in mercy from above
To bring to men the Father's Grace,
And sanctify a ransomed race.
2. Illumine every Christian mind,
And grant us through Your Word to find
The Truth that sets the bondsman free,
The service that is liberty.
3. To Christ Whose Blood for us was shed,
Who rose victorious from the dead,
Whose glory all the saints adore,
Be endless praise for evermore.

Words: GB Timms b1910
Music: S Sepluchre
George Cooper 1820 - 76

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