



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S Bartholomew (24th August) 2026

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

1. Not just by far-famed deeds alone
God's Kingdom comes to birth;
The memory of countless saints
Has perished from the earth.

2. Peter and John and James and Paul
Have left a mighty fame;
Another of their company
Is nothing but a name.

3. Yet unto him no less the call
And gallant course to run;
His too to know at journey's end
The Master's will be done.

Words: CS Phillips
Music: Gerontius
JB Dykes 1823 - 76

+ 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.

Day after day proclaim the salvation of the Lord: proclaim His Glory to all the nations. 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.

Day after day &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 gave to Your Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Your Word: grant that Your Church may love that word which he preached and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 Apocalypse.

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦ and your faithful servants
bless you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦ and speak of your mighty
power,

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦ and the glorious
splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦ your dominion endures
throughout all ages.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦ and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦ to all who call upon
him faithfully.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rabbi, You are the Son of God: You are the King of
Israel. 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 Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathan'a-el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 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.

As we honour today the memory of Saint Bartholomew, 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 people of Armenia and give them Your peace: 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. Prosper the work of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Smithfield and look with mercy on 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 those who have walked their path on earth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Bartholomew, Saint Augustine 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 land: 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!

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

1. Jesus Christ, to Whom the number
Of thy starry host is known,
Many a name, by earth forgotten,
Lives forever round thy throne;
Lights, which earth-born mists have clouded,
There are shining full and clear,
Nobles in the court of heaven,
Nameless, unremembered here.

2. In the roll of Thine apostles
One there stands, Bartholomew,
He for whom today we offer,
Year by year, our praises due;
How he toiled for thee and suffered
No one here can now recall;
All his saintly life is hidden,
All to him that did befall.

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3. Was it he, beneath the fig tree
Seen of thee, and guileless found;
He who saw the good he longed for
Rise from Nazareth's barren ground;
He who met his risen Saviour
On the shore of Galilee;
He to whom the word was spoken,
"Greater things thou yet shall see"?

4. None can tell us; all is written
In the Lamb's great book of life,
All the faith, and prayer, and patience,
All the toiling, and the strife;
There are told thy hidden treasures;
Number us, O Christ, with them,
When thou makest up the jewels
Of thy living diadem.

Words: John Ellerton 1826 - 93

Music: Hyfrydol

Melody by Richard Huw Pritchard 1811 - 87

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, receive all we offer You this day. May we, like Saint
Bartholomew, so live the life of Christ that Your Church may be the
sign of salvation to all the nations of the world. 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.

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 Heave.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heave,

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.

I will give you the Kingdom that Your Father gave to Me: and in that Kingdom you will eat and drink at My table.

Holy Communion follows.

1. My God, and is Thy table spread,
And doth Thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all Thy children led,
And let them all Thy sweetness know.

2. Hail, sacred Feast which Jesus makes,
Rich Banquet of His Flesh and Blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
That sacred stream, that heavenly food.

3. Why are its bounties all in vain
Before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for them the Victim slain?
Are they forbid the children's bread?

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4. O let Thy table honoured be,
And furnished well with joyful guests;
And may each soul salvation see,
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

Words: P Doddridge

Music: Rockingham

Adapted by Edward Miller 1731 – 1807

Harmony chiefly from Webbe's Collection of Psalm Tunes 1820

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 Bartholomew 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.

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. Saints of God! Lo, Jesu's people
Age to age your glory tell;
In His Name for us ye laboured,
Now in bliss eternal dwell.

2. Twelve poor men, by Christ anointed,
Braved the rich, the wise, the great,
All the world counts dear rejecting,
Rapt in their apostolate.

3. Thus the earth their death-wounds purchased,
Hallowed by the blood therefrom,
On her bosom bore the nations,
Laved, illumined - Christendom.

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4. On this feast, almighty Father,
May we praise Thee with the Son,
Evermore His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One.

Words: Athelstan Riley

Music: Sussex

English traditional melody adapted by R Vaughan Williams

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