



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S James the Great (25th July) 2026

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

1. Two brothers freely cast their lot
With David's royal Son;
The cost of conquest counting not,
They deem the battle won.
2. Brothers in heart, they hope to gain
An undivided joy,
That man may one with man remain,
As boy was one with boy.
3. Christ heard; and willed that James should fall
First prey of Satan's rage;
John linger our his fellows all,
And die in bloodless age.
4. Now they join hands once more above
Before the Conqueror's throne!
Thus God grants prayer; but in His love
Makes times and ways His own.
5. All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee
While endless ages run.

Words: S John Henry Newman 1801 - 90
Music: Nativity
Henry Lahee 1826 - 1912

+ 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.

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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.

Walking by the Sea of Galilee: Jesus saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee, mending their nets and called them to follow Him. O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know when I sit 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.

Walking by the Sea &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:

Merciful God, Whose holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ and followed Him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer Your call without delay; through Jesus Christ Your 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 latter Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of joy.

Then said they among the nations, ♦ 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the desert. Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! I chose you from the world and to out and to bear fruit, fruit that shall last, says the Lord. 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 mother of the sons of Zeb'edee came up to him, with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Command that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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 James the Great, let us pray that his 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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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 labourers into His vineyard. May all who are engaged in manual work be treated with fairness and valued for the part they play in sustaining and developing our world: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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.](#)

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. 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.](#)

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 James the Great, Saint Augustine, Saint Ignatius Loyola 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 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. O Thou, before the world began,
Ordained a Sacrifice for man,
And by th' eternal Spirit made
An Offering in the sinner's stead;
Our everlasting Priest art Thou,
Pleading Thy Death for sinners now.

2. Thy Offering still continues new
Before the righteous Father's view;
Thyself the Lamb for ever slain,
Thy Priesthood doth unchanged remain;
Thy years, O God, can never fail,
Nor Thy blest work within the veil.

3. The smoke of Thine atonement here
Darkened the sun, and rent the veil,
Made the new way to Heaven appear,
And showed the great Invisible;
Well pleased in Thee, our God looked down,
And calls His rebels to a crown.

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4. God still respects Thy Sacrifice,
Its savour sweet doth always please;
The Offering smokes through earth and skies,
Diffusing life and joy and peace;
To these Thy lower courts it comes,
And fills them with divine perfumes.

5. O that our faith may never move,
But stand unshaken as Thy love!
Sure evidence of things unseen,
Now let it pass the years between,
And view Thee hanging on the Tree,
My Lord, my God, Who died for me.

Words: C Wesley and others
Music: Melita
JB Dykes 1823 - 76

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.

Lord God, today we honour Your servant James, the first Apostle to share the cup of suffering and death. Receive our offering of praise and thanksgiving, and renew us in the service of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who came not to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for the many; through the same 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.

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

Holy Communion follows.

1. Lord, who shall sit beside Thee,
Enthroned on either hand,
When clouds no longer hide Thee,
'Mid all Thy faithful band?

2. Who drinks the cup of sorrow
Thy Father gave to Thee
'Neath shadows of the morrow
In dark Gethsemane.

3. Who on Thy Passion thinking
Can find in loss a gain,
And dare to meet unshrinking
Thy Baptism of pain.

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4. O Jesu, form within us
Thy likeness clear and true;
By Thine example win us
To suffer or to do.

5. This Law itself fulfillleth,
Christlike to Christ is nigh,
And, where the Father willeth,
Shall sit with Christ on high.

Words: William Romanis 1824 - 99

Music: Knecht

JH Knecht 1752 - 1817

After Holy Communion:

By sharing the cup of the Lord's suffering they became friends of God.

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 James the Great 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. For all Thy saints, a noble throng,
Who fell by fire and sword,
Who soon were called, or waited long,
We praise Thy Name, O Lord.

2. For him who left his father's side,
Nor lingered by the shore,
When, softer than the weltering tide,
Thy summons glided o'er.

3. Who stood beside the maiden dead,
Who climbed the mount with Thee,
And saw the Glory round Thy head,
One of Thy chosen three;

4. Who knelt beneath the olive shade,
Who drank Thy cup of pain,
And passed from Herod's flashing blade
To see Thy Face again.

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5. Lord, give us grace, and give us love,
Like him to leave behind -
Earth's cares and joys, and look above
With true and earnest mind.

6. So shall we learn to drink Thy cup,
So meek and firm be found,
When Thou shalt come to take us up
Where Tine elect are crowned.

Words: Mrs CF Alexander
Music: S James
Raphael Courteville d1772

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