



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Saint Mark - 25th April 2026

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

1. Come sing, ye choirs exultant,
Those messengers of God,
Through whom the living Gospels
Came sounding all abroad;
Whose voice proclaimed salvation,
That poured upon the night,
And drove away the shadows,
To flood the world with light.

2. He chose them, our Good Shepherd,
And, tending evermore,
His flock through earth's four quarters,
In wisdom made them four:
In one harmonious witness
The chosen four combine,
While each his own commission
Fulfils in every line.

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3. Four-square on this foundation
The Church of Christ remains,
A house to stand unshaken
By floods or wind or rains.
O glorious happy portion
In this safe home to be,
By God, true man, united
With God eternally.

Words: Adam of S Victor c 1170
Tr Jackson Mason
Music: Aurelia
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Go out to the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation.
Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know
when I sit and when I lie down. 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.
Go out to the whole world &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 God, Who enlightened Your holy Church through the inspired witness of Your Evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the Truth of the Gospel, may be faithful to her teaching both in word and deed; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son 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 former Epistle General of Saint Peter.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. By Silva'nus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God; stand fast in it. She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you that are in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦ with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦ you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, ♦ and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord? ♦ Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦ they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦ and are exalted in your righteousness.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! We are preaching a crucified Christ, Who is the power and wisdom of God. 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 Mark.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Eleven, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

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 Mark, let us pray that his work may be continued in the Church and in the world:

Father, Your Son sends men and women to preach His Word and establish communities of Faith throughout the world: bless the Church in Venice and all who work to spread the Gospel: 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.](#)

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 together with the parishes in which we are set: on those who live here and those who work here; for all agencies and individuals who labour to relieve suffering and disadvantage; for those far from home and anxious about people they have left behind: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son promised that the Spirit would lead us into all Truth. Through the Words of the Gospel, lead us into lives of greater Faith and righteousness in our work of Christian worship and witness. As we give thanks for all that God has given to us we ask to be guided in our discipleship, we pray His blessing on our meeting this morning and on our endeavours in the year ahead: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son learnt a skilled trade before He embarked on His great Ministry: bless all glaziers and those who work with glass. Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. We pray for all who struggle with ill-health, injury, despair or peril: those for whom we pray day by day and all who have no one to pray for them by name: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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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 Ann WALKER, Andrea BLACK, our Father Robert and all former members of our congregations together with those whom we have known and loved as well as all who have walked their path on earth:
Lord, hear us ... *Lord, graciously hear us.*

In a moment of silence, we lay before God our private prayers (silence):
Lord, hear us ... *Lord, graciously hear us.*

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Mark, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask for obedience to work Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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. 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:

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

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!

Lord, for the years You love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that Word, the Word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt You,
loveless in strength and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley- Smith 1926 - 2024

Music: Lord of the years

Timothy Dudley- Smith 1926 - 2024

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 our salvation, accept our sacrifice this day that we may learn to bear witness to the Gospel of Your Son both in word and deed. 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.

Father all powerful and ever-living God,

We do well always and everywhere to give You thanks

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In their witness to Him, Luke and all Your Evangelists

Have left to us a record of this Your Son's sacred memory.

Through their words,

Your Word has spoken to Your people down the ages;

By setting before us His example,

We have been guided in Your service.

By their teaching we are reminded of the eternal life.

Which now is theirs and which we hope to share.

Therefore, with them, with angels and archangels

And all the company of Heaven,

We raise our voices to sing Your praise:

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:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

1. From out the cloud of amber light,
Borne of the whirlwind of the north,
Four living creatures winged and bright
Before the Prophet's eye came forth.

2. The voice of God was in the Four
Beneath that awful crystal mist,
And every wondrous form they wore
Foreshadowed an Evangelist.

3. The lion-faced, he told abroad
The strength of love, the strength of faith;
He showed th' almighty Son of God,
The Man divine Who won by Death.

4. O Lion of the royal tribe,
Strong Son of God, and strong to save,
All power and honour we ascribe
To Thee Who only makest brave.

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5. For strength to love, for will to speak,
For fiery crowns by martyrs won,
For suffering patience, strong and meek,
We praise Thee, Lord, and Thee alone.

Words: Mrs Alexander
Music: Hereford
Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810 - 76

After Holy Communion:

I, the Lord, am with you always until the end of the world. Alleluia!

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 give you the Spirit of Wisdom and revelation, that you may know the hope to which He calls you; 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!

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!

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.

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.

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