



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S Mary Magdalene (22nd July) 2026

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

1. Out of the night where hope had died,
to tomb once sealed, now gaping wide,
the Magdalene made haste, to mourn
and bring her spices through the dawn.

2. She gazed in disbelief and pain
where Jesus in his death had lain,
until the radiant angel said,
Seek not the living with the dead.

3. Soon trusting love cast out her fears;
she rose and brushed away her tears.
As first apostle, Mary ran
to tell God's resurrection plan.

4. Jesus is risen! Mary cries,
Lift up your hearts and dry your eyes,
Jesus is risen - come and see -
and goes before to Galilee.

5. All glory be to God above,
for Mary's apostolic love,
all praise to God whom we adore
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

Words: Unknown
Music: Wareham
William Knapp 1698 - 1768

+ 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.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything becomes new. That we may put behind us all that is past, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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.

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go and tell my brothers that I shall ascend to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God. Fret not yourself because of evil doers: be not jealous of those who do wrong. 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 Lord said &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, Whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to His Resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by Your Grace, that we may serve You in the power of His risen life; 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.

The love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦ my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you, ♦ as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦ that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦ and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live ♦ and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦ and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

For you have been my helper ♦ and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; ♦ your right hand shall hold me fast.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! Tell us Mary what thou didst see upon the way. The Tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's Glory as He rose. 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.

On the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Mag'dalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

As we gather to praise our God and honour the memory of Saint Mary Magdalene, let us pray to our heavenly Father:

God our Father, Mary Magdalene was the first to greet Your risen Son and carried the Good News of His Triumph over Death to the disciples: Strengthen the Church to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel in the world: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

God our Father, Your Son said of a sinful woman that her many sins were forgiven because she had loved much: grant that the power of love may triumph in our sinful world: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

God our Father, people cared for Your Son during His earthly Ministry; help us to see Him in our brothers and sisters in need: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

God our Father, Your Son assured us that we are blessed when we are reviled you, persecuted and have all manner of evil spoken against us falsely, for His sake; strengthen all those who are victims of intimidation or whose reputations are traduced: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

God our Father, Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples that she had seen the Lord; grant to those who have died the joy of seeing Him face to face in glory: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we pray that all people may come to live not for themselves, but for Him Who died and was raised for them, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen](#).

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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 have loved justice and hated iniquity; wherefore God, Your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

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. Jesus is risen from the grave,
The souls of all mankind to save;
The feast, good Christians, therefore keep,
The Lamb has bled to save the sheep;
Christ innocent, our ransom paid,
Mankind and God at one hath made.

2. Jesus is risen from the grave,
The souls of all mankind to save;
Speak, Mary Magdalene, and say
What sawest thou along the way?
'I saw the grave, and there adored
The glory of the risen Lord.'

3. Jesus is risen from the grave,
The souls of all mankind to save;
'Within the grave on either hand
I saw a white-robed angel stand;
My Saviour Christ, my Hope, my Stay,
Hath risen from the tomb today.'

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4. Jesus is risen from the grave,
The souls of all mankind to save;
We now for certain, truth to tell,
That Christ arise from death and hell;
And while Thy Paschal song we sing,
Have pity on us, Victor-king.

5. Jesus is risen from the grave,
The souls of all mankind to save;
And so we offer thanks and praise
As now our joyful hearts we raise,
With angels of the heavenly Host.
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Words: Unknown
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.

God of life and health, in Your Son Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness
of all that is past. Grant that in this Eucharist today we may find the
healing of our sins; 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,
our duty and our salvation,
to praise you, the all-powerful Father, in every season,
and on this holy day to celebrate the glory of your saints.
In Mary Magdalene you kindled a fire of love for Christ,
whose word had set her free.

You gave her the courage of love
to follow him even to the cross.
Seeking her teacher after his death,
so great was her longing
that you made her the first to behold him
risen from the dead,
and the first to announce to the apostles
his new and glorious risen life.

Her words still ring throughout your Church,
to strengthen faith and encourage hope
in those who gather faithfully for prayer.
And so with her, and all the citizens of heaven,
we join our voices to acclaim your glory
in this their joyful hymn of 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.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:
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.

The love of Christ compels us to live not for ourselves: but for Him Who died and rose for us.

Holy Communion follows.

1. Father of lights! one glance of thine,
Whose eyes the Universe control,
Fills Magdalene with holy love,
And melts the ice within her soul.

2. Her precious ointment forth she brings,
Upon those sacred Feet to pour;
She washes them with burning tears;
And with her hair she wipes them o'er.

3. Impassioned to the Cross she clings:
Nor fears beside the tomb to stay;
Nought of its ruffian guard she recks,
For love has cast all fear away.

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4. O Christ, thou very Love itself!
Blest hope of man, through thee forgiven!
So touch our spirits from above,
So purify our souls from Heaven.

5. To God the Father, with the Son,
And Holy Paraclete, with thee,
As evermore hath been before,
Be glory through eternity. Amen.

Words: Unknown
Music: Morning Hymn
Francois Barthelemon 1741 - 1808

After Holy Communion:

Blessed are those who are undefiled in the way; and walk in the Law of the Lord.

Let us pray:

God of life and love, Whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of His Resurrection to His Apostles: in Your mercy, help us, who have been united with Him in this Eucharist, to proclaim the Good News that He is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God give you grace to hear the call of Christ in your lives and courage to proclaim His Resurrection to the world; 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. Magdalene, thy grief and gladness
Voice and heart in concert sing,
Telling how the risen Saviour
Called thee from thy sorrowing,
Tidings of His Resurrection
To His chosen flock to bring.

2. She beheld Him, yet she knew not
In the gardener's seeming guise
Christ, Who in her heart was sowing
Seed of heavenly Mysteries,
Till His voice, her name pronouncing
Bade her see and recognise.

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3. Weep not, Mary, weep no longer!
Now thy seeking heart may rest;
Christ the heavenly Splendour soweth
Light and joy within thy breast:
In the glowing cry, "Rabboni!"
Be thy gratitude confest.

Words: CS Phillips
Music: Regent Sqaure
Henry Smart 1813 - 79

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