



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Saint Matthew's Day (21st September) 2026

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

Jesus saw Matthew at his seat in the custom house; and He said to him, "Follow Me." O Lord, You have searched me out and known me: You know my sitting down and my rising. 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. Jesus saw &c

+ 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.

Let us go forth in peace:
In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*The priest moves in procession to the shrine of Saint Matthew, where
the saint is honoured with incense.*

He sat to watch o'er customs paid,
A man of scorned and hardening trade,
Alike the symbol and the tool
Of foreign masters' hated rule.

But grace within his breast had stirred;
There needed but the timely word:
It came, true Lord of souls, from Thee,
That royal summons, "Follow me."

Enough, when Thou wast passing by,
To hear Thy voice, to meet Thine eye:
He rose, responsive to the call,
And left His task, His gains, His all.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

And let Thy servants sing with joyfulness.

Let us pray:

Almighty Father,

Who in the Gospel of Saint Matthew

has revealed to us Jesus of Nazareth

to be the promised Messiah of Israel and King of all.

Mercifully grant that we, His disciples,

may offer Him the service of our lives

and ever acknowledge Him as Lord;

the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,

Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The procession returns to the High Altar.

O wise exchange! With these to part,

And lay up treasures in the heart –

Who now with crown of light doth shine

Among the apostolic line.

Come, Saviour, as in days of old;

Pass where the world has strongest hold,

And faithless care and selfish greed

Are thorns which choke the holy seed.

Who keep Thy gifts, O bid them claim

The steward's, not the owner's name;

Who yield up all for Thy dear sake,

Let them of Matthew's wealth partake.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1901

Music: Deus Tuorum Militum

Grenoble Church Melody

Harmony by Michael Flemming

*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:

O almighty God, Whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an Apostle and Evangelist; give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end.
Amen.

A reading from the Book of the Proverbs.

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦ and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another ♦ and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language ♦ and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦ and their words to the ends of the world.

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We praise, You, of God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord: the glorious company of the Apostles praise You.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, 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.

As Jesus was walking by, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds.
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten not made;
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into Heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again in glory
to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the Giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the prophets.
And we believe
one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

For the bishops, successors to the Apostles, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

That the Word of God may return to Heaven and yield a rich harvest before the Throne of Grace, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For a rejection of greed and corruption in our world; and the pursuit of equity and peace, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For all who suffer for the Truth, for those who live in daily fear for their safety and for prisoners of conscience that they may find courage in their Faith, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For all who work in the world of finance and banking, for those who devise, reform or collect the taxes of our world and all in financial difficulty, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For this congregation here present, for all the members of our church and for those who provide us with friendship and support, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For the mission and witness of this church, for a growth in holiness and the flourishing of hope, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For guidance in the challenges we face, contentment in our righteousness and penitence in our failures, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

For those for whom prayer is offered here day by day, all whom we know to need our prayers and those who have nobody to pray for them by name, Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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For our father Robert and all former members of our congregations who have passed beyond the gate of death, Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, 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 who have followed Me shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, says the Lord.

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. At the end:

Upon our yearly feast day,
In this our house of praise,
To Thee, O King of glory,
Our thankful song we raise;
For all Thy saints triumphant
Who thro' the gates have pressed,
And in the Golden City
Abide with Thee at rest.

Praise for Thy crowned Apostle
We render, Lord, to Thee;
Called by Thy Word to follow
Of old in Galilee;
From place of toll and custom
As Levi prompt he came,
To whom the Church does honour
In Matthew's saintly name.

Praise for the twice-crowned Matthew,
Who penned on Gospel page
The story of his Master
For every after age;
Showed how the older Scriptures
Foretold the coming Christ,
Set down Thy words and wonders,
A true evangelist.

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Praise for the thrice-crowned Matthew
Who for his Master died,
Telling, in far Chaldea,
Of Thee, the Crucified:
In death a faithful witness,
He by his life laid down,
Through death to glory passing,
Attained the martyrs' crown.

Today our thrice-crowned Matthew
Dwells in that city bright,
Wherein his name is graven
On glistening chrysolite.
O Christ, Who here dost call us
To serve and follow Thee,
Like him, our saint and patron,
May we Thy glory see.

Words: Unknown
Music: Morning Light
GJ Webb 1803 - 1887

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 Master and Lord.

When, in His goodness,

He appeared on earth to mankind,

He summoned Matthew to cast aside the bonds of the custom house
and shoulder the yoke of justice.

He revealed Him as a chosen Apostle,
a proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world.

Through the words of that Gospel,

Your Word has spoken to Your people down the ages.

By setting before us Christ's example,
and following it in his own death,

Matthew has guided us in Your service;

and we are reminded of the eternal life,
which is his and which we hope to share.

Therefore, with Matthew, 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:

+ 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.

Jesus sat at table with tax-collectors and sinners and said: it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick; I did not come to call the virtuous but sinners.

Holy Communion follows.

Go and preach to all nations: baptize them and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadows of death fell upon the, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
He called them away from our worship below;
But not till His love, at the Font and the Altar,
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the City of God.

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Sing praise then, for all who here sought and found Him,
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

Words: William Draper 1855 - 1933

Music: S Catherine's Court

Richard Strutt 1848 1927

After Holy Communion:

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 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.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His Word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore Him
By Whom ye were made,
And worship before Him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise Him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise Him Who has brought you
His Grace from above,
Praise Him Who has taught you
To sing of His love.

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O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, His glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what He has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For Heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Words: HW Baker 1821 - 1877
Music: Laudate Dominum
C Hubert H Parry 1848 - 1918

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