



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for SS Peter & Paul (29th June) 2024

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

1. Two noble saints both rooted
In faith and holy love,
By hope of God united
They reach to Heaven above.
One on a cross is martyred,
One by the sword is slain;
Both triumph in their dying,
Both glorious sainthood gain.

2. The works of Paul assure us
Of Christ's redeeming Word;
The works of Peter show us
How we may serve the Lord.
So praise we the Creator
And praise we Christ the Son;
Who with the Holy Spirit,
Now reign blest Three in One.

Words: Latin
Tr Anne LeCroy b 1930
Music: Meirionydd
Later form of a melody by W Lloyd 1785 - 1852

+ 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.

These men, conquering all human frailty, shed their blood and helped the Church to grow: by sharing the cup of the Lord's suffering, they became friends of God. 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.

These men &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 blessed Apostles Peter and Paul glorified You in their death as in their life: grant that Your Church, inspired by Your teaching and example, and made one by Your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦ his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦ let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; ♦ let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦ and delivered me from all my fears.

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Look upon him and be radiant ♦ and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦ and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦ and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦ blessed is the one who trusts in him.

A Reading from the latter Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church: and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. 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.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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;

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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 Peter and Saint Paul, let us pray that their work may be continued in the Church and in the world:

Father of Heaven, Who called Saint Peter and Saint Paul to guide and govern Your Son's disciples; strengthen all those whom you have called to follow the Apostles as leaders of Your Church; that they may faithfully serve the Christian community: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

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Father of Heaven, who established the See of Rome where rest the mortal remains of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; unite into one fold the scattered flocks of Your holy catholic Church: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer.](#)

Father of Heaven, Who established a college of presbyters to share in the leadership of the Church; pour Your blessing upon those to be ordained to the Sacred Ministry at this time, that through their work, the Gospel of Christ's love may be heard more clearly: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer.](#)

Father of Heaven, Whose Mission in the world continues until the end of time; we pray that You will raise up more priests for our Church; to lead Your people and proclaim Your Word: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer.](#)

Father of Heaven, Whose Son promised to the overburdened that He would give them rest; we pray for those priests and bishops who are overwhelmed by their task, for those whose lives are under threat and for those who have lost Your way; hold them in Your love and restore them to peace with You: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer.](#)

Father of Heaven, Who called Saint Peter and Saint Paul to martyrdom in Rome, we pray for all who have died; that having left this world, they may know the fullness of Your love in that eternal city beyond the power of corruption and sin: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask that the Church may be joined in unity of spirit and made a holy temple acceptable to You, 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 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. Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One and God the Trinal,
Singing everlastingly.

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3. To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy people as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

4. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they supplicate to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
With Thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father;
Laud and honour to the Son;
Laud and honour to the Spirit;
Ever Three and ever One:
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

Words: Latine c C7
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66
Music: Westminster Abbey
Adapted from the Alleluyas in
Purcell's "O God, Thou art my God" for
Belville in the Psalmist 1843

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.

Almighty God, receive our sacrifice on this feast of the Apostles. Help
us to know our own weakness and to rejoice in Your saving power, 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.

Father, all-powerful and everliving God,

We do well always and everywhere to give You thanks

Though Jesus Christ our Lord

For the lives of Your great Apostles,

Peter our leader in the Faith and Paul its fearless preacher.

Peter raised up the Church from the faithful flock of Israel.

Paul brought Your call to the nations

And became the teacher of the world.

Both shared a martyrs's death

And their memories are honoured throughout the world.

Therefore, with the Apostles, the angels

And all the company of Heaven,

We proclaim Your great and glorious Name,

For ever praising You and saying.

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,
Amen,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen,
all honour and glory are Yours, almighty 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.

Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God:" Jesus answered, "You are Peter, the rock on which I shall build My Church.

Holy Communion follows.

1. Word of the Father, Source of all things living,
Word once made flesh, our true and only Saviour,
Grow in our hearts, O Seed of Heaven's harvest,
Jesus, Redeemer.

2. Gospel from Heaven, living Word incarnate,
Open our minds, Lord, teach us Your true Wisdom;
Lamp to our footsteps, scatter all our darkness,
Day-star of glory.

3. Lord of the faithful, guide us on our journey;
Pilgrims, we hunger for the life of Heaven;
Jesus, our manna, feed us with Your goodness,
Here and hereafter.

Words: GB Timms b 1930

Music: Ad tuum Nomen

Chartres Antiphoner 1784

Harmony by Martin Shaw 1875 - 1958

After Holy Communion:

Their voice has gone out into all the earth; and their voice unto the ends of the world.

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 Peter, Saint Paul 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. Forsaken once, and thrice denied,
The risen Lord gave pardon free,
Stood once again at Peter's side,
And asked him, 'Lov'st thou Me?'

2. How many times with faithless word
Have we denied His holy Name,
How oft forsaken our dear Lord,
And shrunk when trial came!

3. Saint Peter, when the cock crew clear,
Went out, and wept his broken faith;
Strong as a rock through strife and fear,
He served his Lord till death.

4. How oft his cowardice of heart
We have without his love sincere,
The sin without the sorrow's smart,
The shame without the tear!

5. O oft forsaken, oft denied,
Forgive our shame, wash out our sin;
Look on us from Thy Father's side
And let that sweet look win.

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6. Hear when we call Thee from the deep,
Still walk beside us on the shore,
Give hands to work, and eyes to weep,
And hearts to love Thee more.

Words: Mrs CF Alexander 1818 = 95

Music: Childhood

University of Wales (Students' Hymnal 1928)

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