



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for SS Philip & James (1st May) 2026

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

1. Hail! Princes of the host of heaven,
To whom by Christ, Your Chief, 'tis given
On shining thrones to sit on high,
And judge the world with equity.

2. Through you was borne the Gospel light
To those who lay in sin's dark night;
That Christ, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Might lead them to eternal day.

3. Not in the power of earthly sword
Of arts of speech ye preached the Lord;
The Cross, the Cross which men despise,
'Twas this achieved your victories.

4. And now to God, the Three in One,
Be highest praise and glory be done,
Who calls us from the gloom of night
To share the glory of His Light.

Words: Adam of S Victor c 1170

Tr Jackson Mason

Music: Breslau

Melody from As Hymnodus Sacer Leipzig 1625

Arr F Mendelssohn 1809 - 47

+ 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.

The Lord chose these holy men for their unfeigned love: and gave them eternal glory. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know when I sit down 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.

The Lord chose &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 Father, Whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know Your Son Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life; that we may follow the steps of Your holy Apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to Your glory: through Jesus Christ, Thy 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 former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord: Philip, to have seen Me is to have seen the Father. 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 John.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

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 Philip and Saint James, let us pray that their 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.](#)

Your Son broke bread and fed the multitudes. Bless the work of cooks and bakers together with all who work in the catering trade:

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 the congregation of Saint Philip's here, 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. Uphold the work of pharmacists and look with mercy on the dying and all those in distress or 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 all former members of Saint Philip's congregation and all who have walked their path on earth:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Philip, Saint James, 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!

1. Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour,
First begotten from the dead,
Thou alone our strong Defender,
Liftest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living Bread!

2. Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Let we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou are here, we ask not how.

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3. Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia,! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them.

4. Paschal lamb, Thine Offering finished
Once for all when Thou was slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken rock from streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship Thee, the Lamb Who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, Ascended, Glorified.

Words: GH Bourne 1840 - 1925
Music: Bryn Calfaria
Melody by William Owen 1813 - 93

*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.

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 Heaven.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heaven,

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:

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

Lord, let us see the Father and we shall be content: and Jesus said, Philip, he who sees Me sees the Father. Alleluia!

Holy Communion follows.

1. Thou art the Way; by Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone
True Wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

3. Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

Words: George Doane 1799 - 1859
Music: S James
Raphael Courteville d 1772

After Holy Communion:

I am in the Father and the Father in Me: to have seen Me is to have seen the Father. 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God, Who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with our Lady, Saint Philip, Saint James 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 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.

1. Twin princes of the courts of Heaven,
To You by Christ our Lord was given
With all the apostolic band,
A place of honour at His hand.

2. For he who would the Father see
Shall there behold Him gloriously,
And who was least on earth below
Shall there the highest glories know.

3. On earth you bore the Gospel light
And shed its rays o'er man's dark night,
That Christ, our life, our truth, our way,
Might bring us to eternal day.

4. No arts of subtle speech were heard
When, preaching Christ, you spoke His Word:
Proclaiming faith in Him Who died,
You led disciples to His side.

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5. In faith you yielded up your breath
To Him the Victor over death,
And found in Him, the risen Lord,
Salvation and a full reward.

6. To God the Father, glory be,
And praise, O Jesu Christ, to Thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore,
One Lord, one God, for evermore.

Words: Partly based on the Latin of JB de Santeuil 1630 - 97

Music: Winchester New

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