



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for SS Simon & Jude 2025

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

1. Lord of all the saints, we praise Thee
For those two Apostles blest,
Whom this day Thy people honour,
Who on earth Thy Name confest:
Serving here the Christ Who called them
They have gained the promised rest.

2. Unto Heaven's splendour rais-ed
There made perfect by Thy Grace,
They, by angel hosts surrounded,
Ever see their Father's face,
Where the songs of exultation
Sound from all the ransomed race.

3. Simon, may thy zeal inflame us
Christ our Lord to serve with might;
Bless-ed Jude, thou true disciple,
We thy faithfulness recite:
May God grant us Grace to follow
Till, with Thee, Faith ends in Light.

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4. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: NEH Editors

Music: Picardy

C17 French Carol in Tiersot's Melodies Paris 1887

+ 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.](#)

The Lord chose these holy men for their unfeigned love: and gave them eternal glory. 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 God, Who built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ Himself as the chief Cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You: 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 Letter to the Church in Ephesus.

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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

Jesus went out to the mountain to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles; Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

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 Simon and Saint Jude, 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 kindled a light of hope when He rose from the dead. Hold firm in the Faith the brethren, staff and students of the House and College of the Resurrection at Mirfield:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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 and upon the communities of which we are a part:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son was trained as a carpenter: bless all those who work with wood and protect the forests of our world:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those in distress and dis-ease, those who feel that all is lost and those 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 those who have walked their path on earth:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Simon, Saint Jude, 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 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!

1. Thou Who sentest Thine Apostles
Two by two before Thy Face,
Partners in the night of toiling,
Heirs together of Thy Grace,
Thronged at length, their labours ended,
Each in his appointed place.

2. Praise to Thee for those Thy champions
Whom our hymns today proclaim;
One, whose zeal by Thee enlightened
Burned anew with nobler flame;
One, the kinsman of Thy Childhood,
Brought at last to know Thy Name.

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3. Praise to Thee! Thy fire within them
Spake in love, and wrought in power;
Seen in mighty signs and wonders
In Thy Church's morning hour;
Heard in tones of sternest warning
When the storms began to lower.

4. Once again those storms are breaking;
Hearts are failing, love grows cold;
Faith is darkened, sin abounding;
Grievous wolves assail Thy fold;
Save us, Lord, our one Salvation;
Save the Faith revealed of old.

5. Till with holy Jude and Simon
And the thousand faithful more,
We, the good confession witnessed
And the lifelong conflict o'er,
On the sea of fire and crystal
Stand and wonder and adore.

6. God the Father, great and wondrous
In Thy works, to Thee be praise;
King of saints, to Thee be glory,
Just and true in all Thy ways;
Praise to Thee from Both proceeding,
Holy Ghost through endless days.

Words: J Ellerton 1826 - 1895
Music: Webbe's S Thomas
Samuel Webbe 1740 - 1818

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 faithfulness, accept our sacrifice this day and give us grace to witness to Your Truth and to follow in the path of those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord for ever and ever.

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 Heave.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heave,

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:

+ 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.

If anyone loves Me, he will hold to My words and My Father will love him: and we will come to Him and make our home with him.

Holy Communion follows.

God everlasting, wonderful and holy,
Father most gracious, we who stand before Thee
Here at Thine Altar, as Thy Son has taught us,
Come to adore Thee.

Countless the mercies Thou hast lavished on us,
Source of all blessing to all creatures living,
To Thee we render, for Thy love o'erflowing,
Humble thanksgiving.

Now in remembrance of our great Redeemer,
Dying on Calvary, rising and ascending,
Through Him we offer what He ever offers,
Sinners befriending.

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Strength to the living, rest to the departed,
Grant, Holy Father, through this pure oblation;
May the life-giving Bread for ever bring us
Health and Salvation.

Words: Harold Ripley b 1903
Music: Ad Tuum Nomen
Chartres Antiphoner 1784
Harmony Martin Shaw 1875 - 1958

After Holy Communion:

You who have followed Me shall sit on Twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, says the Lord.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, we are nourished by the Bread of life. Strengthen us to witness fo the Gospel and bring us to reign with Jesus Christ Your Son, for He is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God, Who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with our Lady, Saint Simon, Saint Jude 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. Let the round world with songs rejoice;
Let Heav'n return with joyful voice;
All mindful of th' Apostles fame,
Let Heav'n and earth their praise proclaim.

2. Ye servant who once bore the Light
Of Gospel Truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that Light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

3. O God, by Whom to them was giv'n
The key that shuts and opens Heav'n,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there.

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4. For at Thy Will they preached the Word
Which cured disease, which health conferred:
O may that healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore:

5. That when Thy Son again shall come,
And speak the world's unerring doom,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in The endless rest.

6. To Thee, O Father; Son, to Thee;
To Thee, blest Spirit, glory be!
So was it ay for ages past,
So shall through endless ages last.

Words: Latin C10
Trans Richard Mant 1776 - 1848
Music: Deus Tuorum Militum
Grenoble Church Melody

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