



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday VI (15th February) 2026

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

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet,
There they behold Thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek Thee, Thou art found,
With grace and mercy to abound.

For Thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
And going, take Thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of Thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim
The sweetness of Thy saving Name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring Thy light before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;
Oh, rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make our waiting hearts Thine own.

Words: William Cowper 1731 - 1800

Music: S Sepulchre

George Cooper 1820 - 76

+ Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

We have sinned through our thoughts and through our thoughtlessness: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We have sinned through our words and through our silence: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We have sinned through our deeds and through our inaction: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. 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. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, be a rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me: for the honour of Your Name, lead me and guide me. In You, O Lord, do I trust; let me never be put to shame: deliver me in Your righteousness. 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.

Lord, be a rock of safety &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:

All-seeing God, You alone judge rightly our inmost thoughts. Teach us

to observe Your Law from the heart even as we keep it outwardly.

Purify our desires, calm every anger and reconcile us to one another.

Then will our worship at Your Altar render You perfect praise; through

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 Ecclesiasticus.

If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessed are those whose way is pure, ♦ who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies ♦ and seek him with their whole heart,

You, O Lord, have charged ♦ that we should diligently keep your commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct ♦ that I might keep your statutes.

O do good to your servant that I may live, ♦ and so shall I keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see ♦ the wonders of your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ♦ and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ♦ I shall keep it with my whole heart.

A Reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord

of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth for revealing the Mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. 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.

Jesus said to His disciples, "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

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.

God has called us in Christ and gathered us here today; in response to His call, let us lay before Him the needs of the Church and the world:

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayer for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord our Rock, lead and guide Your Church that we may see what You have revealed through the Spirit and keep Your Law with our heart: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayer for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, lead and guide the world that goodness may flourish as peace and justice reign over all the earth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayer for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord our Rock, lead and guide our communities that we may be straightforward in our dealings with another: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayer for the all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord our Rock, lead and guide those who suffer that in You they may find in You a stronghold from their burdens: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayer for those who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord our Rock lead and guide those who have died that they might not perish, but might have life eternal: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our private prayer: ... Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Cyril, Saint Methodius and all the saints, we make our prayers not of any merit of our own, but trusting in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one Body, you are called to peace.

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:

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your commandments. O Lord, You are blessed; teach me Your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgements spoke by Your mouth.

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.

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of Thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within the walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
There unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt Thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

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Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these Thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: Latin C15
JM Neale 1818 - 66
Music: Regent Square
Henry Smart 1818 - 79

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.

Merciful God, accept our sacrifice this day; lead us to love You with all
our heart and all people with Your perfect love in and 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,

for Christ has risen from the tomb

and scattered the darkness of death

with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,

unfolds for us your word,

and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day

you summon us to live in endless light,

the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels

and with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory

and join their unending song 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,
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.

God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son: that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have life eternal.

Holy Communion follows.

As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,
And thy refreshing grace.

For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty Divine!

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

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To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words: Tate and Brady New Version 1696

Music: Martyrdom

Contributed by Wilson 1766 – 1824

To RA Smith's Sacred Harmony 1825

After Holy Communion:

They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.

Let us pray:

Go before us, Lord in all we do with Your most gracious favour, and guide us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You we may glorify Your holy Name, and finally receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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.

The Angel of Lord brought the tidings to Mary;
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of
our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh;

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary &c

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.

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love Thee,

And that love will never cease,

I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast,

Thou hast spared me.

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Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol Thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.

Words: George Herbert 1593 - 1632
Music: Gwalchmai
John David Jones 1827 - 70

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