



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XVIII (2nd August) 2026

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

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Redeem the misspent moments past,
And live this day as if thy last;
Improve thy talent with due care,
For the great day thyself prepare.

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear:
Think how all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Awake, awake, ye heavenly choir,
May your devotion me inspire,
That I like you my age may spend,
Like you nay on my God attend,

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all Creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken 1637 - 1711
Music: Morning hymn
Francis Barthelomon 1741 - 1808

+ 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.

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance: You are the One Who helps me and set me free; do not be long in coming. Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour, who wish me evil. 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.

God, come to my help &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:

Bountiful and compassionate God, You place in the hands of Your disciples the food for life. Nourish us at Your holy Altar, that we may bear Christ to others and share with them the gifts we have so richly received; in and through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

"Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦ long-suffering and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone ♦ and his mercy is over all his creatures.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦ and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand ♦ and fill all things living with plenty.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦ and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦ to all who call upon him faithfully.

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

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King, Who comes in the Name of the Lord: Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest Heavens! 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.

When Jesus heard the news of John the Baptist's death, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 turn our eyes and look to the Lord as we pray for the Church:

[Petitions]

Good and loving Lord, grant that Your Church may listen to You and triumph through the trials by the power of Him Who loves us: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn our eyes and look to the Lord as we pray for the world:

[Petitions]

Good and loving Lord, open Your hand and grant to our world true peace with justice and food in due time to all who live on earth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn our eyes and look to the Lord as we pray for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Good and loving Lord, make us slow to anger and abounding in love that our communities may find contentment and flourish: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn our eyes and look to the Lord as we pray for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Good and loving Lord, be close to all who call on You from their hearts in their suffering, take pity on them and show them Your compassion and kindness: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us turn our eyes and look to the Lord as we pray for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Good and loving Lord, let nothing separate those who have died from Your love made visible in Jesus Christ: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us turn our eyes and look to the Lord as offer our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Oswald, Saint Augustine, Saint Dominic, Saint Jean Vianney 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:

[Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord and presented on it burnt offerings and sacrificial victims: he made an evening sacrifice as a fragrant offering to the Lord, in the presence of the children of Israel.](#)

[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.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
That brought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,
And having with us Him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to Thee
That only Offering perfect in Thine eyes,
The one true, pure immortal Sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on His anointed face,
And only look on us as found in Him;
Look not on our misusings of Thy grace,
Our prayer so languid and our Faith so dim:
For lo! Between our sins and their reward
We set the pattern of Thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast,
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal:
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
And crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to Thy feet,
Most patient Saviour, Who canst love us still;
And by this Food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In Thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us never more to part with Thee.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1901
Music: Unde et Memores
WH Monk 1823 - 89

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 our Sustainer, accept all we offer You this day and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ the 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.

The Lord says, "I am the Bread of life: those who come to Me will not go away hungry; and no one who believes in Me shall thirst.

Holy Communion follows.

Father of Heaven, Whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before Thy Throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy pardoning Love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before Thy Throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy saving Grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by Whose Breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy Throne we sinners bend:
To us Thy quickening power extend.

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Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before Thy Throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Words: Edward Cooper 1770 - 1833

Music: Rievaulx

JB Dykes 1823 - 76

After Holy Communion:

You gave us Bread from Heaven, Lord: a sweet tasting Bread that was
very good to eat.

Let us pray:

God of our pilgrimage, You have willed that the gate of mercy should
stand open for those who trust in You: look upon us with Your favour
that we who follow the path of Your Will may never wander from the
way of life; 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.

Glorious things of Thee are spoken,
Zion, City of our God;

He Whose word cannot be broken

Formed Thee for His own abode.

On the rock of ages founded,

What can shake Thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

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See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply Thy sons and daughters.
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace which, like the Lord the Giver,
Never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I though grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None by Zion's children know.

Words: John Newton 1725 - 1807
Music: Abbot's Leigh
Cyril Taylor b 1907

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