



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXI (23rd August) 2026

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

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
The Son of God most high!'
For ever be adored
That Name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ;
For of Thy Church, Lord, Thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for Thee, O Lord,
With triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O Love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where Thou shalt call.

Words: W Walsham How 1823 - 97

Music: Gopsal

Melody and bass by GF Handel 1685 - 1759

Arr Redmund Shaw

+ 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.

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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.

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save Your servant who trusts in You. I call to You all day long: have mercy on me, O Lord. Gladden the sould of Your servant: for unto You, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. 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.

Listen, Lord &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:

O God, Who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers, protect us from the lure of wealth and power; move our hearts to seek first Your Kingdom, that ours may be the security and joy of those who place their trust in You; in and 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 the Prophet Isaiah.

I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eli'akim the son of Hilki'ah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦ as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

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

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

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!

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

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." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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]

God our Father, hear the words of our mouths and answer our petition that Your Church may know Your Christ and serve him with faithfulness and love: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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

[Petitions]

God our Father, hear the words of our mouths and answer our petition that the world may be filled with Your gifts and what You open none may close whilst none shall close what You shall open: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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

[Petitions]

God our Father, hear the words of our mouths and answer our petition that the communities of which we are a part may have sufficient to eat and cause for joy: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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

[Petitions]

God our Father, hear the words of our mouths and answer our petition that all who suffer may know Your mercy and be loosed 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 all who have died:

[Petitions]

God our Father, hear the words of our mouths and answer our petition that the souls of all who have died may be strengthened and be brought eternally to adore before Your holy Temple: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to listen to our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Bartholomew, Saint Augustine, Saint Monica 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:

[With expectation I have waited on the Lord and He has cast His look upon me: He has heard my supplication and He has put a new song into my mouth, a song to our God.](#)

[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.

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His Wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From His store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At His hand;
Joy doth wait at His command.

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Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges 1844 - 1930
Based on the German of J Neander 1650 - 80
Music: Michael
Herbert Howells 1892 - 1983

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 glory, receive our sacrifice this day as a symbol of Your love.
Guide and direct us that we may please You in all things; for the sake 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.

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.

Lord, the earth is filled with Your gift from Heaven: we grow bread from the earth and wine to cheer men's hearts.

Holy Communion follows.

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because Thy promise, I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott 1780 - 1871

Music: Saffron Walden

Arthur Henry Brown 1830 - 1926

After Holy Communion:

The Lord says, those who eat My Flesh and drink My Blood shall love for ever. I shall raise them to life on the last day.

Let us pray:

God our Creator, You feed Your children with the true manna, the living Bread from Heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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.

Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! O how blest
Thye who find in Thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife,
Thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
All our wants to be supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Led by Thee from earth to Heaven.

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Abp William MacLagan 1826 - 1910

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