



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXII (30th August) 2026

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

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If Thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thy arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in His strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think to death to lay it down;
For only He Who bears the Cross
May hope to win the glorious crown.

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To Thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles Everest 1814 - 77

Music: Breslau

Melody from As Hymnodus Sacer Leipzig 1625

Arr F Mendelssohn 1809 - 47

+ 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.](#)

I call to You all day long; have mercy on me, O Lord: You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to You. Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and needy. 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.

I call to You &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 Jeremiah.

O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and thou hast prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; every one mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦ my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you, ♦ as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦ that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦ and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live ♦ and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦ and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

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For you have been my helper ♦ and under the shadow of your wings
will I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; ♦ your right hand shall hold me fast.

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

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our minds so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. 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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done.

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.

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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 call to God for the Church:

[Petitions]

Loving God, grant to Your Church grace that we may renounce ourselves, take up our cross and follow Christ and so find true life in You: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for the world:

[Petitions]

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Loving God, grant to the leaders of the world grace that they may have mercy on all who are persecuted and seek earnestly after true peace between nations and peoples: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Loving God, grant to our communities grace that we may show kindness and forgiveness to one another and so find flourishing and contentment: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Loving God, grant to all who suffer grace that they may know You as their help and overcome their burdens in the shadow of Your wings: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Loving God, grant to those who have died grace that they may come to gaze on You in the heavenly sanctuary and see the fullness of Your strength and glory: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for those things which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Aidan 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:

O Lord, look down in order to help me; let them be covered with confusion and shame, who seek after my soul to take it away.

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.

Victim Divine, Thy grace we claim
While thus Thy precious Death we show;
Once offered up, a spotless Lamb,
In Thy great temple here below,
Thou didst for all mankind atone,
And standest now before the throne.

Thou standest in the holiest place,
As now for guilty sinners slain;
Thy Blood of sprinkling speaks and prays
All-prevalent for helpless man;
Thy Blood is still our ransom found,
And spreads salvation all around.

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We need not now go up to Heaven
To bring the long-sought Saviour down;
Thou art to all already given,
Thou dost e'en now Thy banquet crown:
To every faithful soul appear,
And show Thy real presence here.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88

Music: Melita

JB Dykes 1823 - 76

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 and give us grace to love one another
that Your love may be made perfect in us; 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.

Happy are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God: happy are they who suffer persecution for justice's sake; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Holy Communion follows.

From glory to glory advancing, we praise Thee, O Lord;
Thy Name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.
From strength unto strength we go forward on Sion's highway,
To appear before God in the city of infinite day.

Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,
One heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.
O Lord, evermore to Thy servants Thy Presence be nigh;
Ever fit us by service on earth for Thy service on high.

Words: Liturgy of S James
Tr Charles Humphreys
Music: Sheen
Gustav Holst 1874 - 1934

After Holy Communion:

O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which You have shown to those who love You.

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.

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

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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.

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of Thy face:
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
Fill Thy Church with light divine;
And Thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord,
Be by all that live adored:
Let the nations shout and sing,
Glory to their Saviour King:
At Thy feet their tributes pay
And Thy holy Will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord;
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessings give,
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above,
One in joy and light and love.

Words: HF Lyte 1793 - 1847

Music: Heathlands

Henry Smart 1813 - 79

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