



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXIII (6th September) 2026

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

Immortal love for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the Name
All other names above;
Love only knoweth whence it came
And comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
To bring the Lord Christ down;
In vain we search the lowest deeps,
For Him no depths can drown;

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet -
A present help is He;
And Faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee.

The healing of His seamless dress
In by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press,
And we are whole again.

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Through Him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame;
The last low whispers of our dead
Are burdened with His Name.

Alone, O Love ineffable,
Thy saving Name is given;
To turn aside from Thee is hell,
To walk with Thee is Heaven.

Words: John Whittier 1897 - 92
Music: Bishopthorpe (S Paul's)
Jeremiah Clarke c1673 - 1707

+ 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, You are just and the judgements You make are right: show mercy when You judge me, Your servant. Blessed are those whose way is blameless; who walk in the Law of the Lord. 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, You are just &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:

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth the Church You gather in Christ. Encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring back the wayward. Bind us together in mutual love, that our prayer in Christ's Name may be pleasing to 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 Ezekiel.

The Word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦ let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦ and be glad in him with psalms.

Come, let us worship and bow down ♦ and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; ♦ we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice: ♦ 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness, 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, ♦ though they had seen my works.

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself; and He has entrusted to us the Good News that they are reconciled. 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, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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:

As we come before the living God, let us pray for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Rock, consecrate Your Church in the Truth and lead her by Your hand towards concord in Christ's Name that people may see Him in our midst: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

As we come before the living God, let us pray for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Rock, shine Your light into the world that all peoples of earth may come to kneel in peace before the God, Who made them: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

As we come before the living God, let us pray for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Rock, teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves that we may honour our mutual obligations and do no hurt one to another: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

As we come before the living God, let us pray for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Rock, show mercy to all who suffer and thirst for comfort that they find relief from their burdens: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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As we come before the living God, let us pray for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord God our Rock, loose the souls of all who died from their sins that they may have the light of life eternal: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

As we come before the living God, let us lay before Him our private prayers: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, 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:

[I prayed to my God; I Daniel; and I said, "Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of Your servant and cause Your face to shine upon Your Sanctuary: look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom Your Name has been invoked, O 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.

O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
That all Thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "Thy Will be done."
O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

For all Thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make Thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to Thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

We pray Thee, too, for wanderers from Thy fold,
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the Faith, which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that Faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
Through this blest Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all Thy Church above,
One with the saints in one unbroken peace,
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love:
More bless-ed still in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Turton 1856 - 1938

Music: Song I

Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1625

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.

Great and holy God, as we offer You our labour and love, may we bring You true and spiritual worship, united with one another and with You; 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.

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for You, my God: my soul is thirsting for the living God.

Holy Communion follows.

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy Flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied,
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Words: Jonah Conder 1789 - 1835

Music: Nicht So Traurig (Pressburg)

Melody from JA Freylinghausen's Neues Geistreiches Gesangbuch 1714

Harmony from Vierstimmige Choralgesänge by JS Bach

After Holy Communion:

I am the Light of the world, says the Lord: those who follow Me shall have the Light of life.

Let us pray:

Keep, O Lord, Your Church with perpetual mercy; and, because without You our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; 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

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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.

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,

My daily labour to pursue;

Thee, only thee, resolved to know,

In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned

O let me cheerfully fulfil;

In all my works thy presence find,

And prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare,

And hide my simple heart above,

Above the thorns of choking care,

The gilded baits of worldly love.

Thee may I set at my right hand,

Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,

And labor on at thy command,

And offer all my works to thee.

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Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88

Music: Song 34

Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1623

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