



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Sunday XXIII (7<sup>th</sup> September) 2025**

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

The Lord my pasture shall prepare,  
And feed me with a Shepherd's care;  
His Presence shall my wants supply,  
And guard me with a watchful eye;  
My noonday walks He shall attend,  
And all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,  
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,  
To fertile vales and dewy meads  
My Weary Wandering Steps He Leads,  
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,  
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way  
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,  
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile;  
The barren wilderness shall smile  
With sudden greens and herbage crowned,  
And streams shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread,  
With gloomy horrors overspread,  
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,  
For Thou, O Lord, art with me still:  
Thy friendly staff shall give me aid,  
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

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Words: Joseph Addison 1672 - 1719

Music: Surrey

Henry Carey c1687 - 1743

+ 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:

God of the ages, You call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom, which Your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim Your prophetic Word and complete the work that You have set before us; 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 Wisdom.

What man can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned thy counsel, unless thou hast given wisdom and sent thy holy Spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and men were taught what pleases thee, and were saved by wisdom."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, you have been our refuge ♦ from one generation to another.  
You turn us back to dust and say: ♦ 'Turn back, O children of earth.'

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦ which  
passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream; ♦ they fade away suddenly like  
the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦ in the evening it is dried  
up and withered.

So teach us to number our days ♦ that we may apply our hearts to  
wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? ♦ Have compassion  
on your servants.

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, ♦ that we may  
rejoice and be glad all our days.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; ♦ prosper  
our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon.

I, Paul, an ambassador and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus -- I appeal to you for my child, Ones'imus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord: because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. 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 Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Great multitudes accompanied Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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.

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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 call to God for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord God of justice, straighten the path of Your Church that carrying our cross and following Christ, we may be faithful disciples: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord God of justice, straighten the path of our world that Your favour may be on those who pursue righteousness in our world and give success to the work of their hands: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us call to God for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord God of justice, straighten the path of our communities that we may value what we have in common and honour one another: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord God of justice, straighten the path of all who suffer that Your love and compassion may be their refuge from the burdens which darken their lives: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us call to God for those who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord God of justice, straighten the path of those who have died that they may find Your mercy and have the light of life: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint John Chrysostom 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.*

God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,  
wherever foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God;  
give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that earth may filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

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What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the brotherhood of all mankind--  
the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time--  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world:  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin  
to set their captives free,  
that earth may filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blessed the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

Words: AC Ainger 1841 - 1919  
Music: Benson  
Millicent Kingham 1866 - 94

*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.*

May the Grace of Christ our Saviour,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favour,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess in sweet Communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

To the God Whose Wisdom made us,  
To the Son Who set us free,  
To the sanctifying Spirit,  
Glory, endless glory be!

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Melody by Heinrich Albert 1604 – 51

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*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.

Christ is the world's true Light,

Its Captain of salvation,

The Daystar shining bright

To every man and nation;

New life, new hope awakes,

Where'er men own His sway;

Freedom her bondage breaks,

And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,

Their ancient feuds forgetting,

The whole round world complete,

From sunrise to its setting:

When Christ is throned as Lord,

Men shall forsake their fear,

To ploughshare beat the sword,

To pruning-hook the spear.

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One Lord, in one great Name  
Unite us all who own Thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone Thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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Music: Nun Danket

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