



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Sunday XXIV and Baptisms (17th September)
2023**

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

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation: God's own people, called out of darkness into His marvellous light. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners: but his delight is 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.

You are a chosen race &c

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The candidates for Baptism are presented to the priest; then:

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

The candidates are now anointed with oil to show that they are marked out by God as followers of Jesus Christ.

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified:

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore you in the image of His glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Words: Welsh, William Williams 1717 - 91
Tr Peter Williams 1727 - 96 and others
Music: Cwm Rhondda
John Hughes 1873 - 1932

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:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ 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 am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me, that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

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I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the LORD, who do all these things. "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also; I the LORD have created it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has passed away; the new has come. 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.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

God, the Father: have mercy on us.
God the Son:
God the Holy Spirit:
God the Holy Trinity:

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Blessed Mary, Mother of God: pray for us.
Saint John the Baptist:
Saint Michael the Archangel:
Saint Peter and Saint Paul:
Saint Matthew:
Saint Philip:
All Apostles and Evangelists:
All holy Martyrs:
All holy Confessors:
Saint Nicholas:
Saint Augustine:
Saint Patrick:
Saint Aidan:
Saint Columba:
Saint Cuthbert:
Saint Hilda of Whitby:
Saint Chad:
Saint Cedd:
Saint Bede:
Saint Ninian:
All you saints of God:

Arriving at the Font, the priest uses incense to honour the place where Christ's presence will baptize the candidates and anoint them with the Holy Spirit of God. The priest then blesses the water to be used for the Baptism:

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.

Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your gift of water to cleanse and revive us.

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For Your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
Bringing light and life;
For Your Son Jesus Christ, baptized in the River Jordan.
We bless You for Your new creation
Brought to birth by water and the Spirit
And for Your Grace bestowed upon us Your children,
Washing away our sins.
May Your Holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of Your creation
And bring those who are baptized to new birth
in the family of Your Church.
Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
Anoint Your children with power from on high
And make them one with Christ
in the freedom of Your Kingdom.
For all might, majesty, dominion and power
Are Yours now and for ever:
Blessing and honour and glory and power be Yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.

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He ascended into Heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
+ and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest baptizes the candidates:

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The priest then anoints the candidates:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.
Amen.

From the right side of the Temple
I beheld a flowing stream,
Washing many in its waters
From their sickness to redeem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Sang they unto God supreme.

Let us offer our thanksgiving
To our ever gracious Lord,
Who through all the world's long ages

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Boundless mercy has outpoured.
May He with the Son and Spirit
Now and always be adored. Amen.

From the right side &c

Words: RGSD based on the Vidi Aquam

Music: Neander

Melody set to Unser Herrscher in

Alpha and Omega by Joachim Neander 1650 - 80

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

We pray for Abigail and Scott whom we welcome into the Church today, that they might grow in faith and love and so become lights to the world:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all who will care for them that their example will help them grow as children of God:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all who confess Your Name, that they may be united in truth, live together in love and show forth your glory in the world:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for our world, for those caught up in the conflicts of our world, for those who live daily with poverty and disease, and all who have fled their homes in fear for their safety and their lives:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for His Majesty the King, his Government and Judiciary together with the Lord Mayor, the Leader and Council of this city:

Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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We pray for our families and friends, our neighbours and the people with whom we work; and for all who live and work in our parishes:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all those of our Church and community who need our prayers, that the light of Christ may shine on them and bring them relief from their burdens:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

We pray for all those who have died recently together with those whom we wish to remember, that they may rest in peace:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In a moment of silence, we offer to God any private prayers that we may have:
Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Michael and all the angels, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Jerome and all the saints, we pray that God will bless His whole creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[Amen.](#)

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were baptized into one Body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up the common life.
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:

[May the God of peace make you perfect and holy, that you may be kept safe in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.](#)

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.

The Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.
Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of His precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.
Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And He, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made.

O Thou from Whom Hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in Thee.
For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered Hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains.

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Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
Fulfil in us Thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share Thy Paschal victory.
To Thee Who, dead, again dost life,
All glory, Lord, Thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally.

Words: Probably C7 Latin
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 1856
Music: Jerusalem
C Hubert H Parry 1848 - 1918

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.

Lord God, as we make our offering, stir up within us the zeal that
inspires your saints in every generation. Give us a due sense of your
grace, and the strength to do your will; 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.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:
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.

This is My Son, the Beloved: with Whom I am well pleased.

Holy Communion follows.

Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life He gave;
Before the Cross our spirits fall,
And own it strong to save.

‘One offering, single and complete,’
With lips and hearts we say;
But what He never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the Priest of Aaron’s line
Within the Holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So He Who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents Himself for those He bought
In that dark noontide hour.

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His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On Heaven's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite He gives
Its Presence to His own.

And so we show Thy Death, O Lord,
Till Thou again appear;
And feel, when we approach Thy board,
We have an altar here.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1902
Music: Horsley
W Horsley 1774 - 1858

After Holy Communion:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old has passed away;
the new has come.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, preserve in your people the
new life of baptism; as Christ receives us on earth, so may he guide
us through the trials of this world and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ
Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the +
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Then the candidates are given a candle (lit from the Easter Candle, which symbolises the goodness of the living Christ shining in a world darkened by sin) to show that they must share in Jesus' work of defending goodness in a bad world.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world
To the glory of God the Father.

The Mass is ended. Go in the light and 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.

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound –
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend
Us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Words: John Bunyan 1628 - 88
and Percy Dearmer 1867 - 1936
Music: Monks Gate
Adapted from an English Folk Song
by R Vaughan Williams

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