



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXIV (13th September) 2026

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

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make His love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness
With a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the Blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

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There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His Word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: FW Faber 1814 - 63
Music: Cross of Jesus
John Stainer 1840 - 1901

+ 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.

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for You and Your prophets will proclaim You as You deserve; hear the prayers of Your servant of Your people Israel. I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go the House 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.

Give peace, 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, most high, You are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of Your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy; in and through 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 Ecclesiasticus.

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, and the sinful man will possess them. He that takes vengeance will suffer vengeance from the Lord, and he will firmly establish his sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does a man harbour anger against another, and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy toward a man like himself, and yet pray for his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make expiation for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook ignorance.

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦ and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your sins ♦ and heals all your infirmities;

Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦ and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

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The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦ slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, ♦ neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦ nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦ so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, ♦ so far has he set our sins from us.

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! I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. 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.

Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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 hear the prayers of His servants for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord of compassion and love, may Your Church live for You in true communion one with another that our sins may be removed as far as the East is from the West: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear the prayers of His servants for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord of compassion and love, teach us to value Your mercy that all mankind may gather under Your protection in peace and justice: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear the prayers of His servants for those whom we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord of compassion and love, grant that we might not bear our neighbour ill-will, but be slow to anger and quick to forgive: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear the prayers of His servants for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord of compassion and love, shine the light of Your pity on the lives of those who suffer and heal every one of their ills: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us ask the Lord to hear the prayers of His servants for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord of compassion and love, be not angry with those who have died, but forgive their guilt and redeem their lives from the grave: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask the Lord to hear the private prayers of His servants: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Cyprian, Saint Augustine, Saint Ninian 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.](#)

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:

[Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord and God presented thereupon burnt offerings and sacrificial offerings: he made an evening sacrifice as a fragrant offering to the Lord in the presence of the children of Israel.](#)

[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.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
come into the daylight's splendour,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded:
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on thy mighty works I ponder:
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no man hath ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth,
Fount, whence all my being floweth,
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

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Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited:
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: German Johann Franck 1618 - 77

Tr Catherine Winkworth 1827 - 78

Music: Schmucke Dich

Melody from J Cruger's Geistliche Kirchen-Melodien 1649

Harmony by R Vaughan Williams

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.

Holy God, accept all we offer this day, that we may reconciled at this
altar and bring wholeness to our broken world; 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.

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.

The cup that we bless is a Communion with the Blood of Christ; and the Bread that we break is a Communion with the Body of Christ.

Holy Communion follows.

To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love,
All pray in their distress;
And to those virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love
Is God our Father dear;
And Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love
Is man, His child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human Form divine
And Peace, the human dress.

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Then every man, of every clime,
That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine:
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

Words: William Blake 1757 - 1827
Music: Billing
Richard Runciman Terry 1865 - 1938

After Holy Communion:

O God, how much we value Your mercy; all humanity can gather under
Your protection.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have taught us through Your Son that love is the
fulfilling of the Law: grant that we, who have shared these holy things,
may love You with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; in
and 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.

God is Love: let Heav'n adore Him;

God is Love: let earth rejoice;

Let creation sing before Him,

And exalt Him with one voice.

He Who laid the earth's foundation,

He Who spread the heav'ns above,

He Who breathes through all creation,

He is Love, eternal Love.

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God is Love: and He enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp He holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of me,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even them.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees 1874 - 1939
Music: Blauenwern
William Rowlands 1860 - 1937

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