



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXVI (27th September) 2026

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

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.

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.

Words: GW Briggs 1875 - 1959
Music: Nun Danket
Melody in J Cruger's Praxis Pietatis Melica c 1647
Harmony chiefly from Mendlessohn's Lobgesang 1840

+ 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.

O Lord, You have had just cause to judge us as You did, because we have sinned against You and disobeyed Your Will: but now show us Your greatness of heart and treat us with Your unbounded love. O Lord, hear my prayer: and let my cry come to You. 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.

O Lord, You have had just cause &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:

Lord, Giver of lasting life, satisfy our hunger through Christ, the Bread of Life, and quench our thirst with Your gift of belief, that we may no longer work for food that perishes, but believe in the One Whom You have sent, 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: "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦ for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦ for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ♦ but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦ therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right ♦ and teach his way to the lowly.

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

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.

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Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep my Word; and My Father will love him and We shall come to him. 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 the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

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 lay before God our Father the needs of the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, make Your Church to know Your ways and teach us Your paths that we may walk in Your Truth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us lay before God our Father the needs of the world:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, thread the peoples of earth with integrity that we may be honest and observe Your laws that Your justice may prevail throughout the world: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us lay before God our Father the needs of the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, teach us to be self-effacing and concerned for the interests of others that we may see the common purpose in our midst: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us lay before God our Father the needs of those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, show to those who suffer Your greatness of heart that they may live in hope and be consoled when they are downcast: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us lay before God our Father the needs of all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord our God, in Your love remember those who have died and grant them rest eternal in and through Christ Who gave up His Life for us: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us lay before God our Father our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Michael, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome 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:](#)

[By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept as we remembered You, O Zion.](#)

[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.

To the name that brings salvation
Praise and honour let us pay,
Which for many a generation
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
But to every tongue and nation
Holy Church proclaims today.

Jesus—be that name our treasure,
Name beyond that words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
Freeing souls from sin's dark spell.

Name that calls for adoration,
Name that speaks of victory,
Name for grateful meditation
In the vale of misery,
Name for loving veneration
By the citizens on high.

Name that whosoever preaches
Makes sweet music to the ear;
Who in prayer this name beseeches
Finds divinest comfort near;
Joyful then the heart that reaches
To embrace that name so dear.

Name by hard-won right exalted
Over every other name;
And when man was sore assaulted
Put the enemy to shame:
Strength to them that else had halted,
Sight to blind, and health to lame.

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Jesu, we thy name adoring,
Long to see thee as thou art:
Of thy clemency imploring
So to write it in our heart,
That hereafter, upward soaring,
We with angels may have part.

Where thou reignest with the Father,
Thou the everlasting Son,
Where with the eternal Spirit,
Threefold God, yet ever One,
May our eyes behold the splendour
When our earthly course is done.

Words: C15 Latin
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Music: Oriel
Tune as set to Pange Lingua
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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.](#)

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold Your glory. Receive the
offering of Your people gathered here before You, and open our hearts
and mouths to praise Your great salvation; the same 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.

O Lord, You remember the words You spoke to me, Your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.

Holy Communion follows.

THOU didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.

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Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.

Words: Emily Elliott 1836 - 97
Music: Margaret
TW Matthews 1826 - 1910

After Holy Communion:

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave up His Life for us; and
we must give up our lives for our brethren.

Let us pray:

We praise and thank You, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we
receive You, here the memory of Your Passion is renewed, here our
minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where You reign with all Your saints
for ever and ever.

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.

Forth in the Peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

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King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
The world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's Truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's Name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home, where Christ restores
True Peace, true Love, to all mankind.

Words: James Quinn SJ b 1919

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