



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for Sunday XXVI (28<sup>th</sup> September) 2025**

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

Fight the good fight with all thy might  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good Grace,  
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy Guide  
Lean and His mercy will provide;  
Lean and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,  
He changeth not and thou art dear;  
Only believe and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: JSB Monsell 1811 - 75  
Music: Duke Street  
Attr J Hatton d1793

+ 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 shew 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:

O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed Your Word to the Prophets; rouse us to the demand of the Gospel and impel us to carry it out; 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 Isaiah.

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Sama'ria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! "Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

It is the Lord Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦ and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦ the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦ but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦ your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

## A Reading from the former Letter to Timothy.

As for you, man of God, shun all this; aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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In the presence of God who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; and this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. 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.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

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And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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,

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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 God, in His love, to hear our prayer for the Church:

[Petitions]

Ruler of all, Whose home is in inaccessible light, give strength to Your Church to fight the good fight of faith and speak as witnesses for the Truth: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God, in His love, to hear our prayer for the world:

[Petitions]

Ruler of all, Whose home is in inaccessible light, show to the world Your greatness of heart and treat us with Your unbounded kindness that Your justice may prevail in all nations: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us ask God, in His love, to hear our prayer for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Ruler of all, Whose home is in inaccessible light, build our communities on a spirit of generosity that those in need may know Your love through the care they receive: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God, in His love, to hear our prayer for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Ruler of all, Whose home is in inaccessible light, speak Your word of comfort to all who are downcast and bowed down that they may live in hope and be consoled: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God, in His love, to hear our prayer for those who have died:

[Petitions]

Ruler of all, Whose home is in inaccessible light, call all who have died to the life eternal, won for us by our Saviour Christ on the Cross: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God, in His love, to hear our private prayer: ... 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 Jerome, Saint Vincent de Paul 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.*

O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea,  
To Thee all praise and glory be;  
How shall we show our love to Thee,  
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,  
Sweet flowers and fruits, Thy love declare;  
Where harvests ripen, Thou art there,  
Who givest all.

For peaceful homes, and healthful days,  
For all the blessings earth displays,  
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,  
Who givest all.

Thou didst not spare Thine only Son,  
But gav'st Him for a world undone,  
And freely with that bless-ed One  
Thou givest all.

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Thou giv'st the Spirit's bless-ed dower,  
Spirit of life and love and power,  
And dost His sevenfold graces shower  
Upon us all.

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,  
For means of Grace and hopes of Heaven,  
Father, all praise to Thee be given,  
Who givest all.

We lose what on ourselves we spend,  
We have as treasure without end  
Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend,  
Who givest all;

To Thee, from Whom we all derive  
Our life, our gifts, our power to give:  
O may we ever with Thee live,  
Who givest all.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth 1807 - 85

Music: Victory

Palestrina with final line by WH Monk 1823 - 89

*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.*

O Jesu, King most wonderful,  
Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable,  
In Whom all joys are found!

When once Thou visitest the heart,  
Then Truth begins to shine;  
Then earthly vanities depart;  
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesu, Light of all below,  
Thou Fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
And all we can desire.

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May every heart confess Thy Name,  
And ever Thee adore;  
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame  
To seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues for ever bless,  
Thee may we love alone;  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Thine own.

Words: C12 Latine  
Tr Edward Caswall 1814 - 78  
Music: Westminster  
James Turle 1802 - 82

*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.

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,

Ye for whom a Corner-stone

Stands, of God elect and precious,

Laid that ye may build thereon,

See that on that sure foundation

Ye a living temple raise,

Towers that may fell forth Salvation,

Walls that may re-echo praise.

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Living stones, by God appointed  
Each to his allotted place,  
Kings and priests, by God anointed  
Shall ye not declare His Grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
Tell the tidings of your birth,  
Tidings of a new creation  
To an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of Him Who called you  
Out of darkness into light,  
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
Gave you freedom, peace and sight;  
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
Strength renewed and hope restored,  
Till the earth, in tune with Heaven,  
Praise and magnify the Lord.

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William Rowland 1860 - 1937

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