



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Sunday XXVIII (11th October) 2026

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

This is the day the Lord has made,
He calls the hours His own;
Let Heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround His throne.

Blest be the Lord Who came to me
With heavenly Truth and Grace,
Who came in God His Father's Name,
To serve a sinful race.

Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

Music: Oxford New

Published in Issac Smith's Psalmody 1770

Composed by "Mr Coombes" in Twenty Psalms 1775

+ 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.

If You, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it; but You are forgiving, God of Israel. Out of the depths have I called to You, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. 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.

If You, O 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:

God of goodness and kindness, You invite all peoples to the Banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us Your saving Grace to keep unstained the robe of our Baptism until that day when You welcome us to Heaven's joyful table; in and through Jesus Christ, 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.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, as straw is trodden down in a dung-pit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.

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I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 elders of the people, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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 pray to God for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord of Hosts, in Whom we hope for our Salvation, guide Your Church along the right path that we may be true to Your Name: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us pray to God for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord of Hosts, remove the shroud enwrapping all nations that none may suffer want or go hungry, but live in peace with justice: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us pray to God for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord of Hosts, may goodness and kindness follow us all the days of our lives that we may flourish and find contentment: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us pray to God for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord of Hosts, wipe away the tears of all who walk in the valley of dark suffering and with Your crook and staff, give them comfort: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

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Let us pray to God for all who have died:

[Petitions]

Lord of Hosts, Who has destroyed death for ever, grant that those whose mortal lives have come to an end may dwell in Your own house for ever and ever: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us pray to God for the things which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Luke, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Edward the Confessor, Saint Augustine, Saint Wilfrid 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:

[Remember me, O Lord, You Who dominate all authority; put right words on my lips so that my speech may be convincing in the Presence of the King.](#)

[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.

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured,
Saved by that Body, hallowed by that Blood,
Whereby refreshed we render thanks to God.

Salvation's Giver, Christ the only Son,
By that His Cross and Blood the Victory won.
Offered was He for greatest and for least:
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

Victims were offered by the law of old,
That, in a type, celestial mysteries told.
He, Ransomer from death and Light from shade,
Giveth His holy Grace His saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the safeguard of salvation here.
He that in this world rules His saints and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields.

With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
Alpha and Omega, to Whom shall bow
All nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: C7 Latin
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66
Music: Woodlands
Walter Greatorex 1877 - 1949

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.

God of constant love, in this Eucharist You renew the covenant made once with us in Baptism. As You are faithful in all things, may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling; 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.

The rich suffer want and go hungry; but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

Holy Communion follows.

Father, we thank Thee Who hast planted
Thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and Faith and life immortal
Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the power, be Thine the praise.

Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save her from evil, guard her still,
Perfect her in Thy love, unite her,
Cleansed and conformed unto Thy Will.

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As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered
Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

Words: From the Didache (C1)
Tr f Bland Tucker 1895 - 1984
Music: S Clement
Clement Scholefield 1839 - 1904

After Holy Communion:

When the Lord is revealed, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him
as He really is.

Let us pray:

God our Father, Whose Son, the Light unfailing, has come from Heaven
to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy
mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the
Way of Life and walk in it without stumbling; 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.

Light of the minds that know Him:

May Christ be light to mine;

My Sun in risen splendour,

My Light of truth divine;

My guide in doubt and darkness,

My true and living way,

My clear light every shining

My dawn of Heaven's day.

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Life of the souls that love Him;
May Christ be ours indeed;
The living Bread from Heaven
On Whom our spirits feet;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make of life's brief journey
A new Emmaus Road.

Strength of the wills that serve Him:
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His Will to master mine,
His Cross to carry daily
And conquer in His sign.

May it be ours to know Him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve Him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our Strength, our Life, our Light.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926
Based on a prayer of S Augustine of Hippo
Music: Meirionydd
Later form of melody by W Lloyd 1785 - 1852

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