



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for The Transfiguration (6th August) 2026

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

1. Christ, upon the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us if we dare to speak,
With the saints and angels praise Him.
Alleluia!

2. Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law
Shout through them their joyful greeting.
Alleluia!

3. Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as His Son by Name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!
Alleluia!

4. This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets
fade before Him;
First and last, and only One,
Let creation now adore Him.
Alleluia!

Words: Brian Wren b 1936
Music: S Albinus
HJ Gauntlett 1805 – 76

+ 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.

When Christ appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. As He is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure. So let us confess the sins that mar His image in us.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the shining cloud the Spirit is seen; from it the voice of the Father is heard: This is My Son, My Beloved, in Whom is My delight. Listen to Him. The Lord is my Light and my salvation: whom shall I fear. 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.

The Lord said &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:

Father in Heaven, Whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses on the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus He would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear His voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may seem Him as He is; Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.
Amen.

A Reading from the latter Epistle General of Saint Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice; ♦ let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦ righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦ at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦ and all the peoples have seen his glory.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦ you are exalted far above all gods.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is My Son, the Beloved; He enjoys My favour; listen to Him. 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 Mark.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Eli'jah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

As the people to whom the Lord has granted a glimpse of the great light of His glory, let us pray that He will shine that light on those who live still in a land of deep darkness.

Let us ask God to listen to our prayer for the Church:

[Petitions]

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Lord of Glory, look with favour on Your Church as she proclaims Your beloved Son to the world; Prompted by the Spirit, may she be renewed in holiness and reflect Your Glory:

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

Let us ask God to listen to our prayer for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord of Glory, look with favour on the nations of the world, scarred by hatred, strife and war; may they be healed with the touch of Your hand: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God to listen to our prayer for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord of Glory, look with favour on the communities of which we are a part; scatter the clouds of doubt and disbelief that we may see Christ more clearly in our midst: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God to listen to our prayer for those who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress, suffering as Your Son has suffered; may the dawn break and Christ the Morning Star bring them the Light of His comfort and hope: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God to listen to our prayer for all who have died:

[Petitions]

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Lord of Glory, look with favour on all who have died; grant them to see Christ in majesty with their own eyes and to be changed into His likeness from glory to glory: Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

Let us ask God to listen to our private prayers: ... Lord, hear us ... [Lord, graciously hear us.](#)

In union with our Lady, Saint Peter, Saint Matthew, Saint John, Saint James, Saint Philip, Saint Lawrence, Saint Augustine, Saint Dominic, Saint Clare of Assisi and all the saints, we pray that the glory of the Lord may rise upon the whole world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
[Amen.](#)

Christ Jesus will transform our human body and give it a form like that of His own glorious Body. We are the Body of Christ, we share His 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:

[I will meditate on Your commandments, which I love exceedingly. I will lift up my hands towards Your commandments, which I love.](#)

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!

1. Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of Thee the prophets sing!

2. There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within the walls is stored.

3. There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
There unknown are toil and care.

4. O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt Thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

5. Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these Thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

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6. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.

Words: C15 Latin
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66
Music: Regent Square
Henry Smart 1818 - 79

The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present. 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, receive our sacrifice this day, and bring us to that radiant glory, Which we see in the transfigured face of 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 indeed right and good,

our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he revealed his glory

before his chosen witnesses

and filled with divine splendour

the human flesh in which he is one with us.

So he prepared his disciples

to bear the scandal of the cross

and showed that in the Church, his body,

the same glory would be fulfilled

that shone forth from him, its head.

And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth

the song of the angels in heaven

as they praise your glory without end:

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,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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.

Tell no on about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

Holy Communion follows.

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy Face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.

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4. Before we taste of death,
We see Thy Kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.

5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Words: J Armitage Robinson 1858 - 1933

Music: Carlisle

Charles Lockhart 1745 - 1815

After Holy Communion:

When Christ is revealed, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at His Table reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know His power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

Christ Jesus, the Splendour of the Father and the Image of His Being, draw you to Himself that you may live in His Light and share His Glory; 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.

O, higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou, bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious magnify the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, (alleluia, alleluia,) alleluia!

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.

In days of old on Sinai
The Lord almighty came
In majesty and terror,
In thunder-cloud and flame:
On Tabor, with the glory
Of sunniest light for vest,
The excellence of beauty
In Jesus was exprest.

All light created paled there,
And did Him worship meet;
The sun itself adored Him,
And bowed before His feet;
While Moses and Elijah,
Upon the holy mount,
The co-eternal glory
Of Christ our God recount.

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O holy, wondrous vision!
But O when, this life past,
The beauty of Mount Tabor
Shall end in Heaven at last!
But O when all the glory
Of uncreated light
Shall be the promised guerdon
Of them that win the fight!

Words: S Cosmas
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66
Music: Aurelia
SS Wesley 1810 - 76

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