



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Trinity Sunday (31st May) 2026

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

Blessed be the God the Father and His only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for He has shown that He loves us. O Lord our Governor: how admirable is Your Name in all the earth. 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.

Blessed be the God &c

+ 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Autumn and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

I come to Christ.

Christ claims you for His own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified:

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore you in the image of His glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,

in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber 1783 - 1826

Music: Nicaea

JB Dykes 1823 - 76

*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:

Merciful and gracious Father, You showed the fullness of Your love when You gave Your only Son for our salvation and sent down upon us the power of Your Spirit. Complete within us the work of Your love, that we who have communion in Christ may come to share fully the undying life He lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. [Amen.](#)

A Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

Moses cut two tables of stone like the first; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, And Moses made haste to bow his head toward the earth, and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favour in thy sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray thee, go in the midst of us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thy inheritance."

This is the Word of the Lord.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

[You are blest, Lord God of our Fathers ♦ To You glory and praise for evermore.](#)

[Blest Your glorious holy Name ♦ To You glory and praise for evermore.](#)

[You are blest in the temple of Your Glory ♦ To You glory and praise for evermore.](#)

[You are blest on the throne of Your Kingdom, ♦ To You glory and praise for evermore.](#)

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You are blest, Who gaze into the depths ♦ To You glory and praise
for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of Heaven ♦ To You glory and
praise for evermore.

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

Brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one
another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit: the God Who is, Who was and Who is to come.
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 John.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes
in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son
into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be
saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who
does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in
the name of the only Son of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

God the Father : have mercy on us.

God the Son: have &c

God the Holy Spirit: have &c

God the Holy Trinity: have &c

Blessed Mary, Mother of God: pray for us.

Saint John the Baptist: pray for us.

Saint Michael the Archangel: pray for us.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul: pray for us.

Saint Matthew: pray for us.

Saint Philip: pray for us.

All Apostles and Evangelists: pray for us.

All holy Martyrs: pray for us.

All holy Confessors: pray for us.

Saint Nicholas: pray for us.

Saint Augustine of Hippo: pray for us.

Saint Patrick: pray for us.

Saint Aidan: pray for us.

Saint Columba: pray for us.

Saint Cuthbert: pray for us.

Saint Hilda of Whitby: pray for us.

Saint Chad: pray for us.

Saint Cedd: pray for us.

Saint Bede: pray for us.

Saint Ninian: pray for us.

All you saints of God: pray for us.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into Heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
+ and the life everlasting. Amen.

The priest baptizes Autumn:

Autumn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

We pray for Autumn whom we welcome into the Church today, that she might grow in faith and love and so become a light to the world:

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

We pray for all who will care for her that their example will help her grow as children of God:

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

We pray for all who confess Your Name, that they may be united in truth, live together in love and show forth your glory in the world:

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

We pray for our world, for those caught up in the conflicts of our world, for those who live daily with poverty and disease, and all who have fled their homes in fear for their safety and their lives:

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

We pray for His Majesty the King, his Government and Judiciary together with the Lord Mayor, the Leader and Council of this city:

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

We pray for our families and friends, our neighbours and the people with whom we work; and for all who live and work in our parishes:

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

We pray for all those of our Church and community who need our prayers, that the light of Christ may shine on them and bring them relief from their burdens:

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

We pray for all those who have died recently together with those whom we wish to remember, that they may rest in peace:

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

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In a moment of silence, we offer to God any private prayers that we may have:

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

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Justine Martyr, Saint Boniface, Saint Augustine, Saint Elizabeth and all the saints, we pray that God will bless His whole creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father; peace to you from His Son Jesus Christ, Who is our peace. Peace to you from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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:

[Blessed be God the Father and the only-begotten Son of God and the Holy Spirit: for He has dealt with us according to His mercy.](#)

[Let us here who represent Cherubim guards around God's throne, As they cry out their thrice holy hymn, Praising the life-giving Trinity, Lay aside all earthly care. Borne by the power of angels' wings To His people now comes the King of kings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!](#)

The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present.

The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.

Though nature's strength decay,
And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds we urge our way
At his command.
The watery deep we pass,
With Jesus in our view,
And through the howling wilderness
Our way pursue.

The goodly land we see,
With peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty
And endless rest;
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life for ever grow
With mercy crowned.

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There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.

Before the Saviour's face
The ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
For ever new:
He shows the prints of love--
They kindle to a flame,
And sound through all the worlds above
The slaughtered Lamb.

Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done
Throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend,
And swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end
The wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry
'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'

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The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers 1725 - 99
Based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*
Music: Leoni

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.

Living God, receive all we offer You this day and grant that hearing
Your Word and responding to Your Spirit, we may share in Your divine
life; 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

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.

Let us bless the God of Heaven and utter His praises before all who live: for He has dealt with us according to His mercy.

Holy Communion follows.

Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
For the love of Him alone,
Holy Church as His creation,
And her teachings as His own.

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After Holy Communion:

His love has been poured into our hearts: By His Spirit, Which dwells in us.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know You in all Your ways and evermore rejoice in Your eternal glory, Who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world

To the glory of God the Father.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Light and 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.

King of glory, King of peace,

I will love Thee,

And that love will never cease,

I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,

Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast,

Thou hast spared me.

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Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol Thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.

Words: George Herbert 1593 - 1632
Music: Gwalchmai
John David Jones 1827 - 70

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