



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Easter IV (21<sup>st</sup> April) 2024**

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!  
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray:

O God, Who through the Resurrection of Thy Son, hath brought joy to the whole world; grant us with the Blessed Virgin Mary to attain to the joys of life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

The Lamb's high banquet we await  
In snow-white robes of royal state,  
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,  
To Christ our Prince we sing at last.

Upon the altar of the Cross  
His Body has redeemed our loss,  
And tasting of His precious Blood,  
Our life is hid with Christ in God.

That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,  
The devastating angel spared;  
By strength of hand our hosts went free  
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny.

Now Christ our Passover is slain,  
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,  
And He, the true unleavened Bread,  
Is truly our oblation made.

O Thou from Whom Hell's monarch flies,  
O great, O very Sacrifice,  
Thy captive people are set free,  
And endless life restored in Thee.

For Christ, arising from the dead,  
From conquered Hell victorious sped,  
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,  
And Paradise for man regains.

Maker of all, to Thee we pray,  
Fulfil in us Thy joy today;  
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we  
May share Thy Paschal victory.

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To Thee Who, dead, again dost life,  
All glory, Lord, Thy people give,  
All glory to the Father be  
And Spirit blest, eternally.

(119: 89 - 96) O LORD, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

92 If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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.

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

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And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithi'ah, Shema, Anai'ah, Uri'ah, Hilki'ah, and Ma-asei'ah on his right hand; and Pedai'ah, Mish'a-el, Malchi'jah, Hashum, Hash-bad'danah, Zechari'ah, and Meshul'lam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jesh'ua, Bani, Sherebi'ah, Jamin, Akkub, Shab'bethai, Hodi'ah, Ma-asei'ah, Keli'ta, Azari'ah, Jo'zabad, Hanan, Pelai'ah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemi'ah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Here endeth the first lesson.

The Lord is risen from the tomb: Alleluia, alleluia!

[The Lord is risen from the tomb: Alleluia, alleluia!](#)

Who for our sakes hung upon the Cross:

[Alleluia, alleluia!](#)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

[The Lord is risen from the tomb: Alleluia, alleluia!](#)

*As the MAGNIFICAT is sung, the Presence of God (signified by the Altar) is honoured with incense.*

Your sorrow, shall be turned into joy, alleluia! And your joy no make takes from you. Alleluia, alleluia!

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

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A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going.

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He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Here endeth the second lesson.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

I BELIEVE in God

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father,  
which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy  
will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and  
affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love  
the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost  
promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the  
world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be  
found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just  
works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world  
cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy  
commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the  
fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through  
the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

May the souls of the departed, through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



*The Altar is prepared for Benediction during the hymn that precedes the Liturgy. A bell rings and the Sacrament is brought to the Altar.*

The king of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

Words: HW Baker 1821 - 77  
Music: Dominus Regit  
JB Dykes 1823 - 76

*The Presence of Christ in the Sacrament is honoured with incense as the following hymn is sung:*

O salutaris Hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of Heaven to man below, Our  
foes press hard on every side, Thine aid  
supply, Thy strength bestow.*

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria.  
Amen.

*All praise and thanks to Thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three,  
And grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with Thee.  
Amen.*

*A Period of silence follows.*

Visita, quæsumus, Dómine,  
habitatiónem istam, et omnes  
insídias inimíci ab ea longe  
repélle: Angeli tui sancti hábitent  
in ea, qui nos in pace custódiant;  
et benedíctio tua sit super nos  
semper. Per Dóminum nostrum  
Jesum Christum.  
*Amen.*

*Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
this dwelling and drive far from it  
all assaults of the enemy; let Your  
holy angels dwell herein that we  
may be kept in peace and Your  
blessing always rest upon us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Benedictus Deus.  
Benedictum Nomen Sanctum eius  
Benedictus Iesus Christus,  
verus Deus et verus homo  
Benedictum Nomen Iesu  
Benedictus Iesus  
in sanctissimo altaris Sacramento  
Benedictus Sanctus Spiritus,  
Paraclitus  
Benedictus Deus in Angelis suis,  
et in Sanctis suis

*Blessed be God.  
Blessed be His holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God  
and true man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy  
Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Ghost,  
the Paraclete.  
Blessed be God  
in His angels and in His saints.*

Sit Benedicatus laudatusque sanctificatusque et adoratus Jesus Christus in cathedram gloriae Suae. Et in sanctissimo altaris Sacramento	<i>Blessed, praised, hallowed and adored be Jesus Christ on His throne of glory. And in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.</i>
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*The Presence of Christ is then honoured with incense again during the following hymn:*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.	<i>Therefore, we before Him bending, This great Sacrament revere; Types and shadows have their ending, For the newer rite is here; Faith our outward sense befriending Makes the inward vision clear.</i>
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Genitori, Genitoque Laus et Jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.	<i>Glory let us give and blessing, To the Father and the Son, Honour, might and praise addressing While eternal ages run; Ever to His love confessing, Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.</i>
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Panem do caelo praestitisti eis.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Omne delectamentum  
in se habentem. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Thou gavest them Bread  
from Heaven. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Containing in Itself all sweetness.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Oremus:  
Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento  
mirabili Passionis, mortisque et  
Resurrectionis gloriosae tuae  
memoriam reliquisti; tribue, ita  
nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra  
mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis  
tuae fructum in nobis iugiter  
sentiamus: Qui vivis et regnas in  
saecula saeculorum.

*Let us pray:  
O God, Who under a wonderful  
Sacrament hast left unto us a  
memorial of Thy wonderful  
Passion and Death and glorious  
Resurrection; grant us so to  
venerate the Sacred Mysteries of  
Thy Body and Blood that evermore  
perceive within ourselves the fruit  
of Your Redemption: Who lives  
and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

Amen.

*The priest goes to the Altar and gives Benediction, during which a bell rings three times.*

*As the Sacrament is returned to the Tabernacle, all sing:*

Adoremus in aeternum  
sanctissimum Sacramentum.

*Let us adore for ever  
the most holy Sacrament.*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes :  
laudate eum omnes populi.  
Quoniam confirmata est super nos  
misericordia ejus : et veritas  
Domini manet in aeternum.  
Gloria Patri et Filio : et Spiritui  
Sancto;  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et  
semper : et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.

*O praise the Lord all ye nations,  
praise Him all ye peoples. Let us  
adore for ever the most holy  
Sacrament.*

*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. Let us adore for ever the  
most holy Sacrament.*

Adoremus &c

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