



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Easter VII (17<sup>th</sup> May) 2026**

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.

Eternal Monarch, King most high,  
Whose Blood hath brought redemption nigh,  
By Whom the death of Death was wrought  
And conquering grace's battle fought.

Ascending to the throne of might,  
And seated at the Father's right,  
All power in Heaven is Jesu's own,  
That here His manhood had not known.

Yea, angels tremble when they see  
How changed is our humanity;  
For flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,  
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be Thou our joy and strong defence,  
Who art our future recompense:  
So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.

(104: 24 - 35) O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also : wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan: whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them they gather it : and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him : if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

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.

Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their children with them. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the LORD."

Here endeth the first lesson.

God is gone up with a merry noise: Alleluia, alleluia!

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And the Lord with the sound of the trump:

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

The things I have told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. 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 Book of the Apocalypse.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death."

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.

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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 GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

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.*

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.

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 Latin  
Tr Edward Caswall 1814 - 78  
Music: Westminster  
James Turtle 1802 - 82

*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.*

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