



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity IX (2<sup>nd</sup> August) 2026**

The angel of the 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 me 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.*

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.

O Trinity of bless-ed light,

O Unity of primal might,

The fiery Sun now goes His way,

Shed Thou within our hearts Thy ray.

To Thee our morning song of praise,

To Thee our evening prayer we raise,

Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,

For ever and for evermore.

O Trinity, O Unity,

Thou help of man's infirmity,

Protect us through the hours of night,

Who art our everlasting light.

To God the Father, God the Son,

And God the Spirit, Three in One,

Let glory, praise and worship be

From age to age eternally.

(85) LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people : and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure : and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us : that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

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 First Book of the Maccabees,

Judas, who was called Maccabeus, took command in his place. All his brothers and all who had joined his father helped him; they gladly fought for Israel.

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He extended the glory of his people. Like a giant he put on his breastplate; he girded on his armour of war and waged battles, protecting the host by his sword. He was like a lion in his deeds, like a lion's cub roaring for prey. He searched out and pursued the lawless; he burned those who troubled his people. Lawless men shrank back for fear of him; all the evildoers were confounded; and deliverance prospered by his hand. He embittered many kings, but he made Jacob glad by his deeds, and his memory is blessed for ever. He went through the cities of Judah; he destroyed the ungodly out of the land; thus he turned away wrath from Israel. He was renowned to the ends of the earth; he gathered in those who were perishing. But Apollonius gathered together Gentiles and a large force from Samaria to fight against Israel. When Judas learned of it, he went out to meet him, and he defeated and killed him. Many were wounded and fell, and the rest fled. Then they seized their spoils; and Judas took the sword of Apollonius, and used it in battle the rest of his life.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Let my prayer rise before Thee like incense.

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The raising of my hands as an evening oblation.

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

Let my prayer rise before Thee like incense.

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

God hath holpen, Israel His servant, as He promised to Abraham and is seed for ever.

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.

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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.

God hath holpen, Israel His servant, as He promised to Abraham and is  
seed for ever.

A Reading from the Latter Epistle General of Saint Peter.

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have  
obtained a faith of equal standing with ours in the righteousness of our  
God and Saviour Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to  
you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power  
has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the  
knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by  
which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that  
through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world  
because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature. For this  
very reason make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and  
virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-  
control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and  
godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.  
For if these things are yours and abound, they keep you from being  
ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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For whoever lacks these things is blind and short-sighted and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Hear 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy Will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, throughout all ages 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.

[Thanks be to God.](#)

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 duteous day now closeth,  
Each flower and tree reposeth,  
Shade creeps o'er wild and wood:  
Let us, as night is falling,  
On God our Maker calling,  
Give thanks to him, the Giver good.

Now all the heavenly splendour  
Breaks forth in starlight tender  
From myriad worlds unknown;  
And man, the marvel seeing,  
Forgets his selfish being,  
For joy of beauty not his own.

His care he drowneth yonder,  
Lost in the abyss of wonder;  
To heaven his soul doth steal:  
This life he disesteemeth,  
The day it is that dreameth,  
That doth from truth his vision seal.

Awhile his mortal blindness  
May miss God's loving kindness,  
And grope in faithless strife:  
But when life's day is over  
Shall death's fair night discover  
The fields of everlasting life.

Words: German Paul Gerhardt 1607 - 76

Tr Robert Bridges 1844 - 1930

Music: Innsbruck

Secular melody noted by Heinrich Isaac 1450 - 1527

Harmony by JS Bach 1685 - 1750

*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,  
habitationem 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.*

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| Sit                           | Benedicatus | laudatusque | <i>Blessed, praised, hallowed and</i> |
| sanctificatusque              | et adoratus | Jesus       | <i>adored be Jesus Christ on His</i>  |
| Christus in cathedram gloriae | Suae.       |             | <i>throne of glory.</i>               |
| Et in sanctissimo altaris     | Sacramento  |             | <i>And in the most holy Sacrament</i> |
|                               |             |             | <i>of the Altar.</i>                  |

*The Presence of Christ is then honoured with incense again during the following hymn:*

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

Panem do caelo praestitisti eis

*Thou gavest them Bread  
from Heaven.*

Omne delectamentum  
in se habentem.

*Containing in Itself all sweetness.*

Oremus:

*Let us pray:*

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.

*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

*Adoremus &c*