



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity V (5<sup>th</sup> July) 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.

(55) HEAR my prayer, O God : and hide not thyself from my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and hear me : how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast : for they are minded to do me some mischief; so maliciously are they set against me.

4 My heart is disquieted within me : and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me : and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove : for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me away far off : and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape : because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them : for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof : mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein : deceit and guile go not out of their streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dishonour : for then I could have borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me : for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him.

14 But it was even thou, my companion : my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together : and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quick into hell : for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God : and the Lord shall save me.

18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly : and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me : for there were many with me.

20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down : for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him : and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart : his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee : and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them : thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days : nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O 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.

A Reading from the Book of the Deuteronomy.

Moses charged the people, saying, "When you make your neighbour a loan of any sort, you shall not go into his house to fetch his pledge. You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you. And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep in his pledge; when the sun goes down, you shall restore to him the pledge that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the LORD your God. "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brethren or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns; you shall give him his hire on the day he earns it, before the sun goes down (for he is poor, and sets his heart upon it); lest he cry against you to the LORD, and it be sin in you. "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin. "You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge; but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. "When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back

to get it; it shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow; that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

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.

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.

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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 Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

After we had escaped, we then learned that the island was called Malta. And the natives showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, when a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They waited, expecting him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead; but when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery; and Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him healed him. And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. They presented many gifts to us; and when we sailed, they put on board whatever we needed. After three months we set sail in a ship which had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the Twin Brothers as figurehead. Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium; and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Pute'oli. There we found

brethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. And the brethren there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Ap'pius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them Paul thanked God and took courage. And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier that guarded him.

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.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be  
so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully  
serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who  
livest and reignest, 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.*

City of God, how broad and far  
outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong;  
one steadfast, high intent;  
one working band, one harvest song,  
one King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down  
from man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire grown  
of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch fires through the night  
with never fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
to meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
in vain the drifting sands;  
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock  
the eternal City stands.

Words: Samuel Johnson 1822 - 82

Music: Richmond

Melody by Thomas Haweis 1734 - 1820

Harmony by S Webbe the Younger c1770 - 1843

*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 *Blessed, praised, hallowed and*  
sanctificatusque et adoratus Jesus *adored be Jesus Christ on His*  
Christus in cathedram gloriae Suae. *throne of glory.*  
Et in sanctissimo altaris Sacramento *And in the most holy Sacrament*  
*of the Altar.*

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

Tantum ergo Sacramentum *Therefore, we before Him bending,*  
Veneremur cernui: *This great Sacrament revere;*  
Et antiquum documentum *Types and shadows have their ending,*  
Novo cedat ritui: *For the newer rite is here;*  
Præstet fides supplementum *Faith our outward sense befriending*  
Sensuum defectui. *Makes the inward vision clear.*

Genitori, Genitoque *Glory let us give and blessing,*  
ahojLaus et Jubilatio, *To the Father and the Son,*  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque *Honour, might and praise addressing*  
Sit et benedictio: *While eternal ages run;*  
Procedenti ab utroque *Ever to His love confessing,*  
Compar sit laudatio. *Who from Both with Both is One.*  
Amen. *Amen.*

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*