



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction for Trinity VI (12<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 God, creation's secret force,  
Thyself unmoved, all motion's source,  
Who from the morn till evening ray  
Through all its changes guid'st the day:

Grant us, when this short life is past,  
The glorious evening that shall last;  
That, by a holy death attained,  
Eternal glory may be gained.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.

(64) HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer : preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward : and from the insurrection of wicked doers;

3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword : and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;

4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect : suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.

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5 They encourage themselves in mischief : and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no man shall see them.

6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it : that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow : that they shall be wounded.

8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall : insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done : for they shall perceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him : and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

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.

(65) THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

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9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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, "And if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments which I command you this day, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-trough. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. "The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; and he will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

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The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and walk in his ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, within the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you his good treasury the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall tend upward only, and not downward; if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day, being careful to do them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them

Here endeth the first lesson.

I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.

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I shall not restrain my lips.

I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.

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

I shall proclaim Thy righteousness in the great assembly.

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

All wisdom, proceedeth from the Lord; and was with Him for all time; and is before all ages.

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.

All wisdom proceedeth from the Lord; and was with Him for all time;  
and is before all ages.

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul called together the local leaders of the Jews; and when they had gathered, he said to them, "Brethren, though I had done nothing against the people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar -- though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." And they said to him, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brethren coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against." When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in great numbers.

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And he expounded the matter to them from morning till evening, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. And some were convinced by what he said, while others disbelieved. So, as they disagreed among themselves, they departed, after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: `Go to this people, and say, You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." And he lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to 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.

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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 God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts 1874 - 1748  
Music: Truro  
Psalmodia Evangelica 1789

*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.*



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*