



Saint Matthew's Church  
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street  
Newcastle

**Text of the Mass for S Andrew (1<sup>st</sup> December) 2025**

*As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:*

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea  
Day by day His voice is sounding,  
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for His dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us, from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love Me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

Words: Mrs CF Alexander 1818 - 95

Music: S Andrew

EH Thorne 1834 – 1918

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Jesus said to His Apostles, "You are my friends if you obey My commands." Let us now confess our disobedience to Him.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

By the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew.  
He called them: come and follow Me and I shall make you fishers of  
men. O Lord, You have searched me and known me: You know when I  
sit down and when I rise up. 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.

By the Sea of Galilee &c

*During the **Gloria in excelsis**, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.*

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right

hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high,

+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Who gave such grace to Your Apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of Your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by Your holy Word and give us grace to follow You without delay and to tell the good news of Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦ and the firmament  
proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another ♦ and one night unfolds  
knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language ♦ and their voices are not  
heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦ and their words to the  
ends of the world.

*The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Follow Me, says the Lord: and I will make you  
fishers of men. Alleluia!

*Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

*A homily may follow.*

As we honour today the memory of Saint Andrew, let us pray that their work may be continued in the Church and in the world:

Father, Your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow Him as His disciples in the way of the Cross. Strengthen and sustain those whom He has called today, marked with the cross and made His disciples within the Church:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... *hear our prayer.*

Your Son told His disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them His gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which He sent them out and give it Your peace:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... *hear our prayer.*

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Your Son holds in His love all the peoples of the earth. Today we pray  
Your blessing on the people of Scotland and all countries, cities and  
communities committed to the patronage of Saint Andrew:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Your Son formed around Him a company who were no longer servants  
but friends, and He called all those who obeyed Him His brother and  
sister and mother. Look with love upon our families and friends and  
upon the communities of which we are a part:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with  
mercy on all those in distress and dis-ease, who yearn to feel Your  
loving touch:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Your Son promised those who followed Him that they would sit on  
thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the Banquet  
of Heaven. According to Your promise enfold in Your eternal love  
those who have walked their path on earth:  
Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Andrew,  
Saint Augustine and all the saints, we ask for obedience to work Your  
will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
[Amen](#).

We are fellow citizens with the saints and the whole household of God  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who came and preached peace to those  
who were afar off and those who were near.  
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
[And with thy spirit](#).

*As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:*

You shall make them princes in all lands: they shall remember Your Name, O Lord, from one generation to another.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present.*

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.  
In deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.  
Rise up and follow Thee.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!  
Interpreted by love!

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4. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.  
The beauty of Thy peace.

5. Breath through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.  
O still small voice of calm.

Words: John Witter 1807 - 92  
Music: Repton  
C Hubert H Parry 1848 - 1918

*At the end:*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory  
and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

*All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.*

God of our salvation, accept our sacrifice this day that we may learn to  
bear witness to the Gospel of Your Son both in word and deed. We ask  
this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*



*The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right and good,

That we should give You thanks and praise

Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord.

For after His Resurrection He sent out His Apostles

To preach the Gospel to all nations

And lead us in the way of Truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,

He founded His Church to stand firm for ever

As a sign of Your holiness upon earth

And a living witness to all of the way that leads to Heave.

And so with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heave,

We join the Hosts of Heaven in their triumphant song.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his Apostles  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.*

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life; Lord  
Jesus, come in glory.

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Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

Instructed by saving precepts and taught by divine example, we are bold  
to say:

Our Father,  
*Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed by Thy Name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

*The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:*

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

Andrew told his brother Simon: we have found the Messiah, the Christ; and he brought him to Jesus.

*Holy Communion follows.*

1. Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,  
Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,  
Yet here Thy Presence we devoutly hail!

2. O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living Bread to men doth here afford!  
O may our souls for ever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

3. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing Blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy Presence flow.

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4. O Christ, Whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 – 74

Tr James Woodford 1820 - 85

Music: Anima Christi

William Maher 1823 - 77

*After Holy Communion:*

You who have followed Me shall sit on twelve thrones: judging the twelve tribes of Israel, says the Lord.

Let us pray:

Lord God, the Source of Truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Notices may follow.*

God, Who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with our Lady, Saint Andrew and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

O, higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia! Thou, bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious magnify the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, (alleluia, alleluia,) alleluia!

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.

1. Ye servants of the Lord  
Each for your Master wait,  
Observant of His heavenly Word,  
And watchful at His gate.

2. Let all your lamps be bright,  
And trim the golden flame;  
Gird up your loins as in His sight,  
For awful is His Name.

3. Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak, He's near;  
Mark the first signal of His hand,  
And ready all appear.

4. O happy servant he,  
In such a posture found!  
He shall His Lord with rapture see,  
And be with honour crowned.

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5. Christ shall the banquet spread  
With His own royal hand,  
And raise that faithful servant's head  
Amidst th' angelic band.

Words: Philip Doddridge

Music: Narenza

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