

*St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate - a place of calm, sanctuary and God's love in the City*

## **CHORAL MASS ON WEDNESDAYS & FEAST DAYS: Eastertide 2021**

Welcome to St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate.

Please keep a time of silence and prayer before the liturgy begins.

This booklet will be used once only – if you wish to keep it for future services please take it away with you and bring it back each time.

Please see today's Mass sheet for the readings, and information about the music being sung and played.

If this is your first visit, do please introduce yourself after the service.

### **Holy Communion and Coronavirus**

We take extra care to ensure that hygiene procedures are strictly observed by priest and people before and during the distribution of Holy Communion.

Face coverings are currently required by law to be worn by worshippers in church at all times, except at the point of receiving Communion. Those who are leading services, including the priest and the musicians, are exempt from wearing face coverings at some points during the service.

Church of England guidance affects several other aspects of the Mass:

**Singing:** congregational singing is not yet permitted, so only the Choir will sing.

**The Peace:** we ask members of the congregation to remain in their pew and to refrain from handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace. A nod, a smile or some other form of the shared peace of Christ will have to suffice for the time being.

**At Communion:** I will take all recommended precautions with the administration of Holy Communion, including frequent hand sanitisation. Congregation members are asked to sanitise their hands before receiving Communion, and to follow the one-way system marked out on the floor, maintaining two metres' distance from each other wherever possible. To maintain distancing from the musicians, on Wednesdays Communion will be given at the chancel step.

**The Chalice:** until further notice, Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only to all communicants. Bread and wine will be consecrated during the service, but the priest alone will take the wine. Communicants will receive the host (bread) only.

**Receiving the host:** again, until further notice, the host will not be given directly onto the tongue. All communicants must receive the host into their hands.

Thank you for your understanding. It is important to remember that the sacraments are means of grace and not of sickness, they are physically ministered, and we should take physical care. We continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, and for those caring for them.

We regret it is not possible to offer refreshments after services for the time being, but we look forward to a time when we will all be able to gather for Communion and refreshment in less restricted circumstances.

With God's love and blessing, *Fr David*

## ***Preparation for Communion***

*A bell is rung. Stand as the priest enters*

### **The Greeting**

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

**All and with thy spirit.**

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

Priest Almighty God,

**All unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify  
thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Act of Penance**

*The priest invites the people to confess their sins.*

*Sit*

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned  
against thee and against our fellow men, in thought and  
word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry  
and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus  
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

*The priest says the absolution, and the people respond*

**All Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Gloria in excelsis (sung by the choir in Latin or English)**

*English translation:*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will 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 the Most High, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Collect is said or sung, and the people respond*

**All     Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Sit*

### **Reading**

*At the end:*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

**All     Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Gospel Reading**

*The choir sing the Gospel Acclamation  
(you will find the text in today's Mass sheet)*

Priest The Lord be with you

**All     And with thy spirit.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**All     Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Sit*

*These responses may be used after each section*

Priest Lord, in thy mercy (or) Lord, hear us.

**All Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end:*

Priest Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Stand*

### **The Peace**

Priest The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and with thy spirit.**

*Priest and people exchange a sign of peace. We ask you please not to leave your pew or engage in direct physical contact - a nod, a smile or a wave will have to suffice for the time being.*

*Sit*

### **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The choir sing the Offertory Hymn*

*(you will find the text in today's Mass sheet)*

*At this time a collection would normally be taken up – this is not possible during services at present, but if you would like to consider making a donation towards Christ's work in this place please see the back page of this booklet for ways to do so safely after the service.*

*Stand*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The priest takes the bread.*

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest takes the wine.*

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest The Lord be with you

**All and with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**All It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty...

...evermore praising thee and saying:

## **Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by the choir in Latin or English)**

*English translation:*

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.

*Sit*

Priest Hear us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord...

...O Father almighty, world without end.

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The priest says this invitation to communion*

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**All We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Priest The Body of Christ.

*All who intend to receive respond* **Amen.**

Priest The Blood of Christ.

*All who intend to receive respond* **Amen.**

*The priest and people receive Communion. Communicant members of all Christian traditions are invited to receive Holy Communion, which is administered in silence and given in one kind only. Please follow the one-way system marked out on the floor, maintaining two metres' distance from other members of the congregation wherever possible, and please sanitise your hands at the chancel step before going forward, one at a time, to stand before the priest to receive the host.*

*All other members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing—please hold this booklet as a sign.*

*During Communion the choir sing a motet (you will find the text in today's Mass sheet), or occasionally the Agnus Dei of the Mass setting (in which case the text or translation is the same as the spoken Agnus above).*

## **Prayers after Communion**

*Sit*

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post-Communion Prayer is said, and the people respond*

**All Amen.**

Priest Almighty God,

**All we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Priest The Lord be with you

**All And with thy spirit.**

*The priest blesses the congregation and the people respond*

**All Amen.**

Priest Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The choir sing the Closing Hymn*

*(you will find the text in today's Mass sheet)*

*Stand as the priest and choir depart. The organ voluntary is played  
(see today's Mass sheet for information about the music)*

*We regret we are not allowed to offer refreshments after services  
at the moment.*

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### **Can you help us financially?**

During the first lockdown, St Botolph's was closed for three months, and we are now in a further period of restrictions. Even though we are open for part of the day, our regular income is obviously taking rather a hit at this time, with the loss of service collections and alms boxes, as well as other normal income streams including Hall and Court hire. If you are not in financially difficult circumstances yourself at present, might you consider giving by standing order or direct debit? Ask the Administrator ([church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk)) for details. Contactless donations can be made via the device at the back of church; donations by PayPal via the 'giving' link on our website [www.botolph.org.uk](http://www.botolph.org.uk) would also be most welcome.

### **Current service and opening times**

Said Mass: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.10 pm

Choral Mass: Wednesdays and major Feast Days at 1.10 pm

All services can be attended either in church or via livestream on our YouTube channel (accessible from the home page of the church website).

Opening times: Monday to Thursday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm  
*(from 3 May: Monday to Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm)*

If you would like to speak to a priest, please contact Fr David at [priest@botolph.org.uk](mailto:priest@botolph.org.uk) or via the church telephone 020 7588 3388.