



CHORAL MASS ON WEDNESDAYS AND FEAST DAYS from September 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 a week only – if you wish to keep a personal copy for future services please take it away with you and bring it back each time. If you prefer not to handle paper, you can download the order of service on to a tablet or mobile phone from our website.

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, and have taken note of Government and Church of England guidance as the coronavirus restrictions begin to be lifted.

Face coverings are no longer required by law to be worn by worshippers in church at all times, but we would ask you to consider wearing one as you move about the church, removing it when reaching your seat.

Singing: we are delighted that congregational singing is once again permitted.

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. Sanitiser is available at the chancel step if you wish to sanitise your hands before receiving Communion. When moving about the church, please respect other congregation members who may feel more vulnerable than you.

The Chalice: Communion is once again offered in two kinds, bread and wine. If you feel in any way uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, please do not feel pressurised to do so: simply do not go to the chalice bearer, but return directly to your pew after receiving the bread, the Host. By receiving the Host, you have partaken fully in the Lord's Supper.

Receiving the host: again, until further notice, the Host will not be given directly onto the tongue. All communicants must receive the Host from the priest 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 still not possible safely 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 Opening Hymn is sung (you will find the text in today's Mass sheet)

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.

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.

Kneel or 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.

Remain kneeling or sitting

Kyrie eleison (sung by the choir in Greek or English)

English translation:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

On Feast Days, instead of the Kyrie, stand for

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. A Gradual Hymn may be sung (see today's Mass sheet for text)

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.

Sermon

Sit after the introduction

Prayers of Intercession

Kneel or 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 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.

Stand to sing the Offertory Hymn (see today's Mass sheet for text)

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.

Remain standing

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.

Kneel or 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 (sung by the choir in Latin or English)

English translation:

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 Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

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.

When moving about the church, please respect other congregation members who may feel more vulnerable than you. Sanitiser is available at the chancel step if you wish to sanitise your hands before going forward, one at a time, to stand before the priest to receive Communion.

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.

Prayers after Communion

Kneel or 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

Stand

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Closing Hymn is sung (see today's Mass sheet for text)

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

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Can you help us financially?

Our regular income continues to take rather a hit during the ongoing pandemic, with the loss of regular and special service collections and alms box donations, as well as other normal income streams including Hall and Court hire. If you are in a position to give St Botolph's any financial support at this time, perhaps you might consider giving by standing order or direct debit, or a one-off donation? The Administrator can help with any queries (church@botolph.org.uk).

- **Cash donations** may be placed in the alms boxes, or handed to a member of staff at any time. If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope so we can claim back a further 25% from HMRC.
- **Card/contactless donations** can be made at any time via the device on the table at the back of church, and can be Gift Aided.
- **PayPal/credit card donations** can be made via the link *giftaid it* on our website, and can be Gift Aided.

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 Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

If you would like to speak to a priest, please contact Fr David at rector@botolph.org.uk or via the church telephone 020 7588 3388.