



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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Imposition of Ashes, manuscript illumination (Walters Art Museum, Baltimore)

**Choral Mass
and Imposition of Ashes
upon **ASH WEDNESDAY**
2 March 2022 at 1.10 pm**

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

**Welcome to St Botolph's for this service of Choral Eucharist
and Imposition of Ashes.**

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 the latest Government and Church of England guidance on coronavirus restrictions.

Face coverings are no longer required by law to be worn in church, although some people may still prefer to do so. When moving about the church, please be aware of other congregation members who may feel more vulnerable than you.

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 hope to be able to offer refreshments after services once again from next Wednesday, and we look forward to a time when we will all be able to gather for Communion and refreshment in unrestricted circumstances.

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

Setting of the Mass: Missa tertii toni—Giovanni Croce c. 1557-1609

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Opening Hymn: NEH 67

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The Collect for Purity and Kyrie eleison are omitted. There follows

The Imposition of Ashes

At the beginning of the service we follow this ancient custom. The ashes are made from the previous year's palm crosses, and as people come to the chancel step the priest marks their foreheads with the ashes, making the sign of the Cross with the exhortation: 'Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.' You are all invited to share in this ceremony, which many people find helpful at the beginning of the penitential season.

Litany and Confession

Priest Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Son,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

All have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for thy word and thy laws,

All good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation;
by thy birth, childhood and obedience;
by thy baptism, fasting and temptation,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By thy ministry in word and work;
by thy mighty acts of power;
and by thy preaching of the kingdom,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By thy agony and trial;
by thy cross and passion;
and by thy precious death and burial,

All good Lord, deliver us.

By thy mighty resurrection;
by thy glorious ascension;
and by thy sending of the Holy Spirit,

All good Lord, deliver us.

Priest Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and
ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of thy
Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

**All Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Priest Make our hearts clean, O God;
All and renew a right spirit within us.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded thy love, and marred thine image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep
this season of Lent.

O God our Father, thou dost create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by thy grace alone
that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

All are invited to come to the chancel step for the imposition of ashes

Anthem during the Imposition of Ashes

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam:
et secundum multitudinem miserationeum tuarum
dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O Lord, after thy great goodness:
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.*

Psalm 51: 1

William Byrd 1543-1623

Collect

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast
made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily
lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission
and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

First Lesson: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual: Hymn 507 *Attende, Domine* (The Lent Prose)

*The following refrain is sung first by a cantor, **then repeated by all:***



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a-gainst thee.

This verse is sung by a Cantor:

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes
in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

and the refrain 'Hear us, O Lord...' is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Priest The Lord be with you

All And with thy spirit.

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

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.

The refrain 'Hear us, O Lord...' is repeated once more by all

The Prayers of Intercession are omitted

Please remain standing

The Peace

Priest Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 65

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for our Lent Appeal (see back cover). If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid envelope. We are also able to accept contactless payments – if you prefer to donate by this method please use the device at the back of church or the QR code on the back cover.

Christian, dost thou see them on the holy ground,
How the troops of Midian prowl and prowl around?
Christian, up and smite them, counting gain but loss,
Smite them by the merit of the Holy Cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them, how they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring, goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble; never be down-cast;
Smite them by the virtue of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them, how they speak thee fair?
'Always fast and vigil? Always watch and prayer?'
Christian, answer boldly: 'While I breathe I pray!'
Peace shall follow battle, night shall end in day.

'Well I know thy trouble, O my servant true;
Thou art very weary, I was weary, too;
But that toil shall make thee some day all mine own,
And the end of sorrow shall be near my throne.'

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared by the priest, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

For he is thy living Word; through him thou hast created all things from the beginning, and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

And now we give thee thanks because thou dost give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

The Choir sing **Sanctus & Benedictus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine

Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of thy

glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Please kneel or sit

Priest Hear us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord; through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his

disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of his saving passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

We pray thee to accept this our duty and service, and grant that we may so eat and drink these holy things in the presence of thy divine majesty, that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly blessing.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, 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 Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Choir sing **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Giving of 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.

Priest The Body of Christ.

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

Priest The Blood of Christ.

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

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 and chalice-bearer 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.

Anthem during Communion:

Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus, ne subito praeoccupati die mortis, quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire non possumus. Attende, Domine, et miserere, quia peccavimus tibi. Adiuva nos, Deus, salutaris noster, et propter honorem nominis tuis libera nos.

Let us now amend our sinful lives spent in selfish cares, lest, the day of death coming suddenly upon us, we seek time to repent, and are not able to find it. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against thee. Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the glory of thy name spare us.

Matins responsory, First Sunday of Lent

William Byrd

Prayer after Communion

Please kneel or sit

Silence is kept.

Priest Almighty God, thou hast given thine only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All **O God of our pilgrimage, thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: NEH 383

Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

All depart in silence

There is a further short said service including Imposition of Ashes at 5.10 pm today, and Fr David is available outside service times for ashing on request.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

Church opening and service times

In line with current guidance, the church remains open for public worship and private prayer, continuing to maintain God's physical presence in the City of London. **We are delighted that we have now been able to return to the full church opening hours of 7.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday.** We maintain the existing pattern of three lunchtime services per week: Choral Mass with sermon on Wednesdays at 1.10 pm, and said Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays 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).

Tomorrow, Thursday 3 March: Mass at 1.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 8 March: Mass at 1.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 9 March: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

We welcome Fr Barrie Newton as celebrant and preacher

*Missa 'Emendemus in melius' Palestrina; Wash me thoroughly Wesley;
Voluntary in E minor Stanley*

Next Thursday, 10 March: Mass at 1.10 pm

Lent Appeal

Collections and alms in Lent will once again go towards the support of our Priest Missioner, Fr Andrew Williams, in his role as Vicar at our partner church in Tottenham Hale. St Francis at the Engine Room is the first purpose-built church in the Diocese of London for 40 years, and St Botolph's has been in partnership with the new church since its founding.



- **Cash donations** (outside service times) 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, **or this QR code**, and can be Gift Aided.
- **Credit card donations** can be made via the link on our website, and can be Gift Aided.

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The Good Coffee Kiosk is now open

Please consider supporting St Botolph's and other good causes by buying your hot drinks from the Bishopsgate entrance of the church: all the drinks are Fairtrade, and our barista José will give you a warm welcome and a loyalty card!

Opening hours Monday to Friday 7.00 am-2.00 pm.

