



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain, Duccio di Buoninsegna c.1310 (Frick Collection, New York)

Choral Mass

**with the Commissioning of Lay Assistants
at Holy Communion**

in the week of **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
Wednesday 30 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

**Today we are using the Wednesday Choral Mass book –
if you are following the livestream, you will find a copy
to download or follow on the website.**

Setting of the Mass: Mass in G minor—Josef Rheinberger 1839–1901

Opening Hymn: NEH 66 (tune 63)

‘Forgive our sins as we forgive’
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs, and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew;
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Kyrie eleison: see the Mass book for translation of the Greek text

First Lesson: Psalm 32

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

*The 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.

The Cantor sings the verse:

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee; with true contrition,
now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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

Gospel: S Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end

After the Gospel reading all sing ‘Hear us, O Lord...’ once more

After the Sermon: The Commissioning of Paul Gibson, Tommy Lacken and Chris Watkins as Lay Assistants at Holy Communion

Presentation of the Candidates

Priest: Dear friends in Christ: these candidates are to be entrusted with administering Holy Communion at the Mass. Paul, Tommy and Chris: in this ministry, you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love. Remember that, though many, we are one body because we share the one bread and the one cup. As ministers of Holy Communion, be therefore especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Examination

Priest: Are you resolved to undertake faithfully the office of administration of Holy Communion to your brothers and sisters, and to serve to build up the Church?

Assistants being commissioned: I am.

Priest: Are you resolved to administer the Holy Communion with the utmost care and reverence?

Assistants being commissioned: I am.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessing on Paul, Tommy and Chris, chosen to be Lay Assistants at Holy Communion.

Prayer of Blessing

O gracious Lord, thou dost nourish us with the Body and Blood of thy Son, that we might have eternal life. Bless our brothers and sister who have been chosen to give the cup of salvation to thy faithful people. May the holy mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Each candidate then receives the Bishop's letter of Authority giving him or her permission to officiate as a Lay Assistant at Holy Communion.

The service continues with the Intercessions.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 461 (tune *Corvedale*)

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for our Lent Appeal (see back cover of this service sheet). 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.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper room of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our life would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei: see the Mass book

Anthem during Communion:

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved: thy Keeper will never slumber.

Based on Psalm 121: 1-3

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy 1809-47 (from 'Elijah')

Closing Hymn: NEH 358 (second tune)

Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Organ music: Allegro maestoso e serioso (Sonata No 1)

—Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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 31 March: Mass at 1.10 pm

Next Monday, 4 April: there will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Donald Hodgson, a former member of the Honourable Artillery Company and Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks, at 12.00 noon

Next Tuesday, 5 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 6 April: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm
Missa in honorem Sanctissimi Cordis Jesu *Ebner*;
Stabat Mater dolorosa *Pergolesi*

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727 *Bach*

Next Thursday, 7 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

Services in Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week, 11 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

Tuesday in Holy Week, 12 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

Wednesday in Holy Week, 13 April: Mass at 8.10 am



Wednesday in Holy Week, 13 April: Forgiveness: Music and Reflections for Holy Week at 1.10 pm

with St Botolph's Choir

Ne irascaris and Civitas sancti tui *Byrd*;
Parole 1 (Seven Last Words) *Franck*;
God so loved the world *Stainer*

Maundy Thursday, 14 April: Choral Mass with Maundy Ceremonies at 1.10 pm

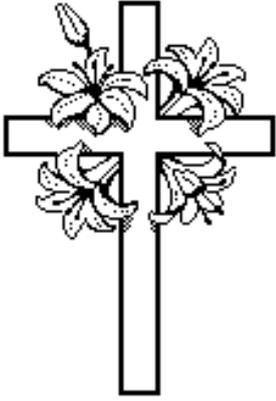
Missa Quarti toni *Victoria*;
Ubi caritas *plainchant*;
Vere languores *Victoria*



After the Maundy Thursday service the Watch will be kept at the Altar of Repose until 3.00pm, following which St Botolph's will be closed until Easter Tuesday morning.

Details of services in other City churches for the remainder of the Triduum and Easter can be found on the City Events website at <http://www.london-city-churches.org.uk/cityevents.html>

Services in Easter Week



Tuesday in Easter Week, 19 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

**Wednesday in Easter Week, 20 April:
Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

Missa Brevis in C, K 458 *Mozart*;

Haec dies *Webbe*;

Saraband (for the morning of Easter) *Howells*

Thursday in Easter Week, 21 April: Mass at 1.10 pm

Can you help us financially?

Our regular income continues to take a hit during the ongoing pandemic, with a reduction in our normal income streams including Hall and Court hire and, although we are now able to take up collections in services again, these and alms box donations remain depressed as there are fewer people working in and visiting the City of London. 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 queries (church@botolph.org.uk).

- **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.
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The Good Coffee Kiosk is now open

Another way of supporting St Botolph's and other good causes could be by buying your hot drinks from the takeway kiosk in 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.



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LENT APPEAL 2022

All collections and alms given during Lent will go to support our partner church in Tottenham Hale N17

Donations 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 North London. **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.

Please give as generously as you are able at this time:

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**Thank you in advance
for your support!**

