

The Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City of London EC2M 3TL



The Baptism of Christ, Piero della Francesca (National Gallery)

Choral Mass

in the week of The First Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ) Wednesday 11 January 2023 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-without-Bishopsgate.

Fr David is away – in his absence we welcome as celebrant Fr Stephen Baxter, Priest-in-Charge of St Stephen Walbrook.

Setting: Kleine Orgelmesse—Franz Josef Haydn 1732-1809

Opening Hymn: NEH 342 (tune 178)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die;
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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

First Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43

Gradual: NEH 27 (verse 1)

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heav'n afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.
Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.
Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing,
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

Gospel Acclamation

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor **and then by all:** This verse is sung by the Cantor: Ant.
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Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This is my Son, the beloved: listen to him.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 3: 13-end

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for Christ's work in this place. 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 on the table at the back of church or the QR code on the back of this service sheet.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 56

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise, Manifested by the star To the sages from afar; Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem; Anthems be to thee addrest, God in man made manifest. Manifest at Jordan's stream. Prophet, Priest and King supreme; And at Cana wedding-guest In thy Godhead manifest; Manifest in power divine, Changing water into wine; Anthems be to thee addresst, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill; Anthems be to thee addrest, God in man made manifest. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mirrored in thy holy Word; May we imitate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou; That we like to thee may be At thy great Epiphany; And may praise thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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

During Communion: the Benedictus of the Haydn Mass will be sung

Closing Hymn: NEH 57 (verses 1-4)

The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.
To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
And all the hosts of Heaven.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

Organ music: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180
—Dieterich Buxtehude 1637-1707

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

The Rector

Fr David sustained an injury to his right foot in December. Unfortunately, this has not healed as anticipated and has required minor surgery at St Thomas's Hospital; he is currently awaiting a date for a further operation. He is at home and in good spirits, but is quite immobile and has been told that his foot needs total rest for a few weeks. **If you wish to sign his get-well card, please see a member of staff after the service.**

Church opening and service times

The church is open for public worship and private prayer every Monday to Friday 7.30 am to 5.30 pm, continuing to maintain God's physical presence in the City of London. Our current service pattern is: Choral Mass with sermon on Wednesdays at 1.10 pm, and Said Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12.10 pm. With regret, while Fr David is away from church the 8.10 am Mass on Tuesdays is suspended.

Tomorrow, Thursday 12 January: Mass at 12.10 pm Next Tuesday, 17 January: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 18 January: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm Missa Secunda *Handl*; Behold the Lamb of God *Handel*; Fuga in B flat *Handel*

Next Thursday, 19 January: Mass at 12.10 pm

Can you help us financially?

Our regular income continues to be depressed owing to the knock-on effects of Covid, with a reduction in our normal income streams including Hall and Court hire, service collections and alms donations as fewer people are 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:

• **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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- 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.



The Good Coffee Kiosk



Another way of supporting St Botolph's is 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.

Monthly newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is circulated by email. If we don't have your contact details, and you would like to receive the newsletter, do let us know either by completing the subscription form on the website or by emailing the Administrator at church@botolph.org.uk.

See our website www.botolph.org.uk for more information about services and events and the latest news, including details of our exciting plans for a new organ for St Botolph's.