



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The Presentation in the Temple, Rembrandt van Rijn 1606-69

Choral Mass
of The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple (Candlemas) [2 February]
Wednesday 1 February 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.

Please forgive our appearance - we have begun carefully dismantling the existing pipe organ as part of the preliminary work towards for a new organ for St Botolph's. The work will always stop round service times, and we are doing our best to minimise noise and dust, but we apologise for any disruption or inconvenience.

Fr David is away – in his absence we welcome as celebrant and preacher Fr Peter McGeary, Vicar of St Mary's Cable Street.

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

***Candles are lit during the opening hymn -
please hold your candles upright so that wax will not drip
on your clothes or the marble floor***

Opening Hymn: NEH 157 (verses 1-3, 5)

Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state;
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait;
But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest,
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly Guest.

There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised Child,
The Glory of all lands.
O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be!

Gloria in excelsis: see the Mass book for translation of the Latin text

First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-5

Gradual:

the Choir sing the seasonal antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater:

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia coeli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo: Tu quae genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
O, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*

Gospel Acclamation

*The refrain is sung
first by the Cantor
and then by all:*

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Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

The true light which enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Luke 2: 22-40

Candles are extinguished after the Gospel reading

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 156 *Quod chorus vatum*

Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
In blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
Finds its fulfilment.

Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
Now she presents him for a spotless offering
Unto his Father.

In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
Life everlasting.

Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
Thine be the glory.

Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei:
see the Mass book for translation of the Latin texts

Anthem during Communion:

Responsum accepit Simeon a Spiritu Sancto
non visurum se mortem nisi videret Christum Domini.

*It was revealed to Simeon by the Holy Ghost,
that he should not see death before he first saw Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2: 26; Communion chant for Candlemas

William Byrd 1543-1623

***During the singing of the following hymn, light will be
passed again through the congregation***

Closing Hymn: NEH 33 (verses 1, 5, 7) *Corde natus ex parentis*

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

The Solemn Blessing of Candlemas:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the Choir sing Nunc dimittis

*The Antiphon is sung first
by the choir, and then by all:
it is sung again by all at the
end of the Canticle.*

A light to light - en the Gen - tiles;
And the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light
to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29-32

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina 1525-94

The Antiphon is repeated by all

***Candles are taken away as reminders of the light of Christ
in our daily lives***

Organ music: Prelude in C, BWV 545 (i)

– Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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 undergoing further treatment. 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. We are very grateful to the visiting clergy who have stepped in to take services during his absence.

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 2 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 7 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 8 February: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass in F *Battmann*; O sacrum convivium *Lallouette*;
Plein jeu *Couperin*

Next Thursday, 9 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Looking ahead to Lent

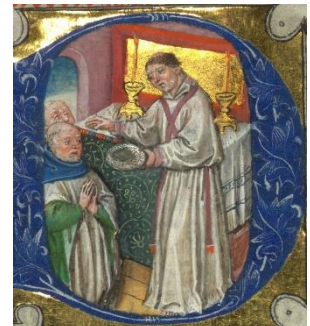
22 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY

Choral Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 1.10 pm

(in church and livestreamed)

Missa tertia *Croce*; Emendemus in melius *Byrd*;
Miserere mei, Deus *Byrd*

There will also be two short services of **Imposition of Ashes at 8.10 am and 5.10 pm**, and a priest will be available for ashing outside service times on request.



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.

St Botolph's Advent & Christmas Charities – thank you

Alms given and collections taken during Advent and at Carol Services in December have been divided between our chosen charities, which reflected two issues particularly relevant to our Advent theme of



'Peace and Reconciliation': Caritas Ukraine for its response to urgent, life-saving humanitarian needs while building the foundations and means for the long-term recovery of the country and the future wellbeing of its people once Russia has withdrawn; and The Fellowship of Reconciliation, our donations to be split between the charity's

activities bearing witness against war and its preparation, and its support for community conflict transformation projects overseas, through the International Peacemakers' Fund.



The total raised from regular and carol service collections, alms and candle donations, and topped up with a grant from the Parochial Church Council, was a splendid £4500, meaning each charity has received £2250. Thank you all for your generosity to these worthy causes.



Monthly newsletter

Congregation members and friends of St Botolph's should by now have received our February newsletter 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 botolph.org.uk for more information about services and events and the latest news - including a dedicated page about the organ rebuild project at <https://botolph.org.uk/a-new-tune/>

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.
- **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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Another way of supporting St Botolph's could be by way of your **online shopping**. The church is registered as a beneficiary charity at Give as you Live and Easy Fundraising – these are simple automatic ways for you to support us (at no extra cost to you, or to us) when shopping online: Give as you Live and Easy Fundraising cover over 4000 shops and other websites – both systems are easy to use.

More information from:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com>



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The Good Coffee Kiosk

Please also consider supporting St Botolph's 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