



# The Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City of London



*The Sermon on the Plain, Cosimo Rosselli, 1481-2, Cappella Sistina, Vatican*

## **Choral Mass**

*in the week of* **The Third Sunday before Lent**

**Wednesday 8 February 2023**

**at 1.10 pm**

*The Revd David Armstrong, Rector*

*Iestyn Evans, Director of Music*

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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 Fr Brian Lewis  
as celebrant and preacher*

**Setting:** Mass in F—Jacques-Louis Battmann 1818–86

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 234 (second tune)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

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

**First Lesson:** Psalm 112: 1-9

**Gradual:** NEH 444 (verse 1)

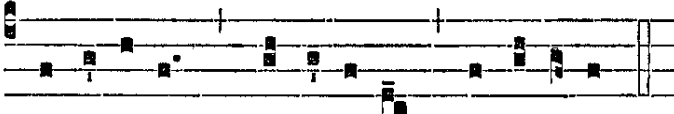
Rejoice today with one accord,  
Sing out with exultation;  
Rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,  
Whose arm hath brought salvation.

His works of love proclaim  
The greatness of his name;  
For he is God alone,  
Who hath his mercy shown:  
Let all his saints adore him!

## 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:*

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit  
and become my disciples.

***and the refrain is then repeated by all***

**Gospel:** S Matthew 5: 13-20

*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 inside back cover of this service sheet.*

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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

### **Anthem during Communion:**

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur,  
recolitur memoria passionis eius, mens impletur gratia,  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion renewed, the mind filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory given to us. Alleluya.*

*Antiphon, Feast of Corpus Christi Jean Baptiste François Lallouette 1651–1728*

### **Closing Hymn: NEH 466 (verses 1-3)**

Thou whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring  
On thy redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth thy flight;  
Move o'er the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.

**Organ music:** Plein jeu—François Couperin 1668–1733

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES**

### **The Rector**

Fr David is still undergoing treatment following the injury to his right foot sustained in December. Although the eagle-eyed among you may have spotted him on his first brief return visit to church this morning, he is still mostly resting at home. He is very grateful for all the cards and good wishes he has received in support of his recovery.

## 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 remains suspended.**

**Tomorrow, Thursday 9 February:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Tuesday, 14 February:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday, 15 February: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

Communion Service in *F Darke*

Jesu, the very thought of thee *Bairstow*

On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) *Stanford*

**Next Thursday, 16 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 Fr Andrew Williams, our Priest Missioner, 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](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk).

**See our website [botolph.org.uk](https://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**