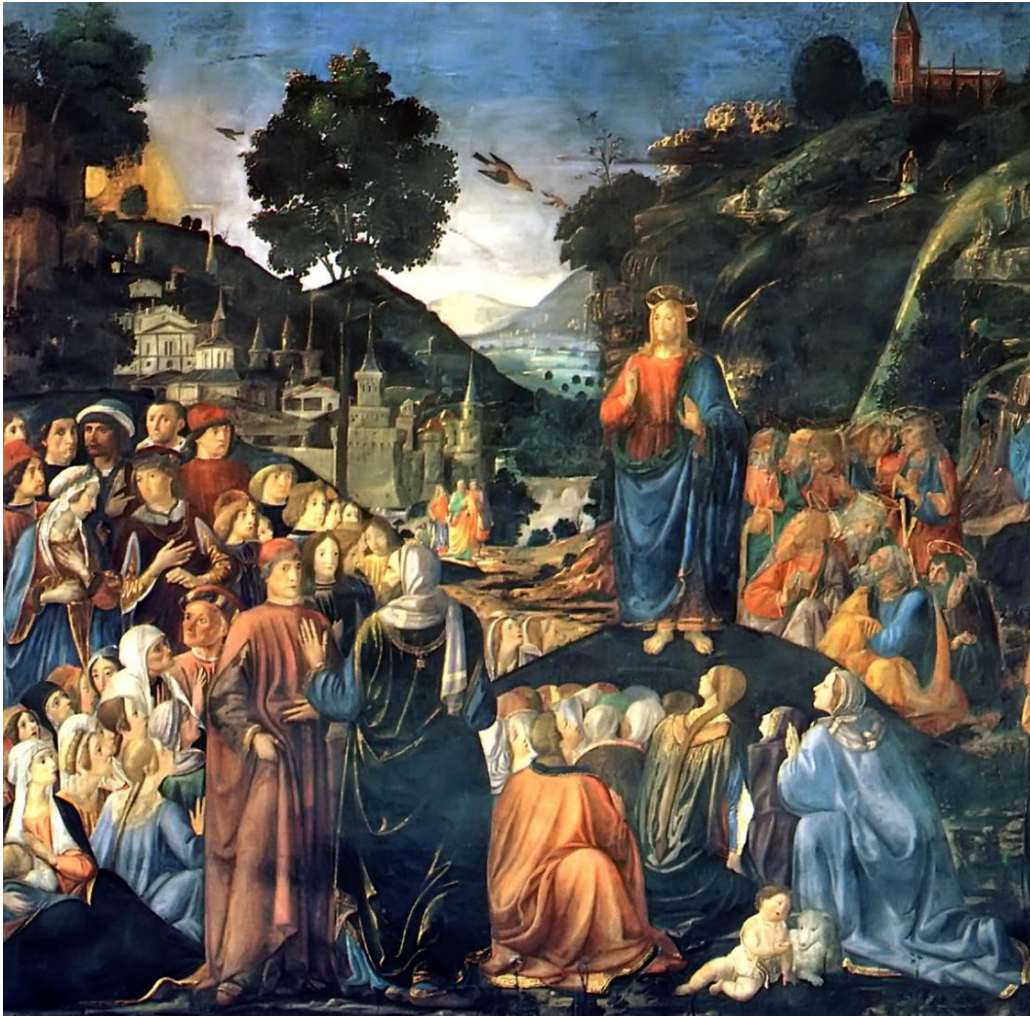




The Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City of London



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

Choral Mass

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

Wednesday 15 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.

We welcome Fr Barrie Newton as celebrant and preacher.

We welcome as visiting organist and choir director Mr Edward Tambling, Assistant Director of Music, St James's, Spanish Place.

Setting: Communion Service in F—Harold Darke 1888-1976
(organist, St Michael Cornhill)

Opening Hymn: NEH 409 (verses 1, 3, 5)

Love of the Father, Love of God the Son,
From whom all came, in whom was all begun;
Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole desire and breath of life.

Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid,
That dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid:
To all that cry thou dost all help accord,
The angel's armour, and the saint's reward.

Eternal glory, all men thee adore,
Who art and shalt be worshipped evermore:
Us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
And lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Kyrie eleison: *see the Mass book*

First Lesson: Romans 8: 18-25

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:

A person is justified not by the works of the law,
but through faith in Jesus Christ.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 6: 25-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 inside back cover of this service sheet.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 433 (verses 1-3, 6)

O worship the King,
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.
O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.
O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

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

Anthem during Communion:

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

*Jesu dulcis memoria (v 1), attrib. S Bernard of Clairvaux, tr. Edward Caswall
Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

Closing Hymn: NEH 271 (verses 1, 3, 4)

Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

Organ music: On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)

—Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924
(*'Song 22'* is the tune of today's Opening Hymn)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

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, the 8.10 am Mass on Tuesdays remains suspended until further notice.

Tomorrow, Thursday 16 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 21 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 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.



Next Thursday, 23 February: Mass at 12.10 pm



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 have already received our February newsletter by email, and the March issue is in preparation. 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