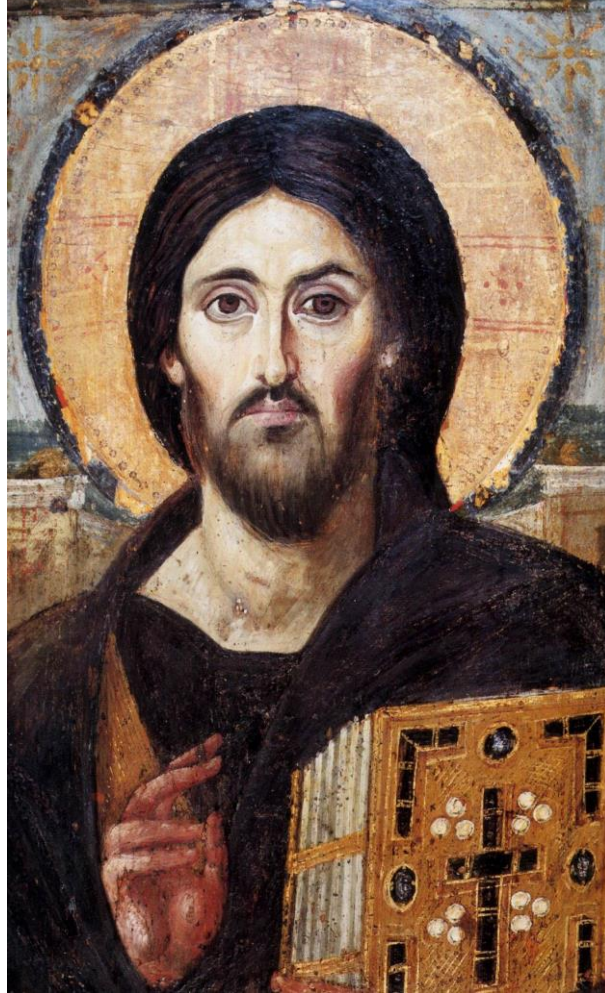




The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The oldest known icon of Christ Pantocrator, c.550, St Catharine's Monastery, Sinai

Choral Mass

in the week of

The Third Sunday before Advent
Wednesday 15 November 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

As this is the Wednesday closest to Remembrance Sunday, the service commences with a short Act of Remembrance.

Opening Hymn: NEH 417

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;
Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Priest: We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

A Candle of Remembrance is lit

Priest: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

Setting: Mass of the Quiet Hour—George Oldroyd 1887-1956

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

First Lesson: Wisdom 6: 12-16

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:

Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my father in heaven.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 25: 1-13

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 one of the devices at the front or back of church, or the QR code displayed in the church porch.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 490

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgement
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release,
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of thy word;
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.

Sanctus, & Benedictus qui venit: see the Mass book

Anthem during Communion:

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluya.

Sarum Diurnal, trans. G H Palmer

Sir William Harris 1883-1973

Closing Hymn: 492

O God of earth and altar,
Bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
The swords of scorn divide,
Take not thy thunder from us,
But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
From lies of tongue and pen,
From all the easy speeches
That comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation
Of honour and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
The prince and priest and thrall,
Bind all our lives together,
Smite us and save us all;
In ire and exultation
Aflame with faith, and free,
Lift up a living nation,
A single sword to thee.

Organ music: Solemn Melody—Sir Henry Walford Davies 1869–1941

All are warmly invited to join us for refreshments following the service

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 normal service pattern is:

Tuesdays - Said Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Wednesdays - Choral Mass with sermon at 1.10 pm

Thursdays - Said Mass at 12.10 pm

The Wednesday Choral Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (accessible from the church website www.botolph.org.uk).

Tonight: Concert in church at 7.00 pm – Hermelindo Ruiz, guitar
see posters in church for more information

Tomorrow, Thursday 16 November: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 21 November: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 22 November: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa Brevis Anerio

Ave verum Corpus Byrd

Prelude in F, BWV 534 Bach

Next Thursday, 23 November: Mass at 12.10pm

Monthly newsletter

Our newsletter is circulated monthly by email – **the December issue, including details of all Advent and Christmas services and events,** will be sent out towards the end of this month. 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.