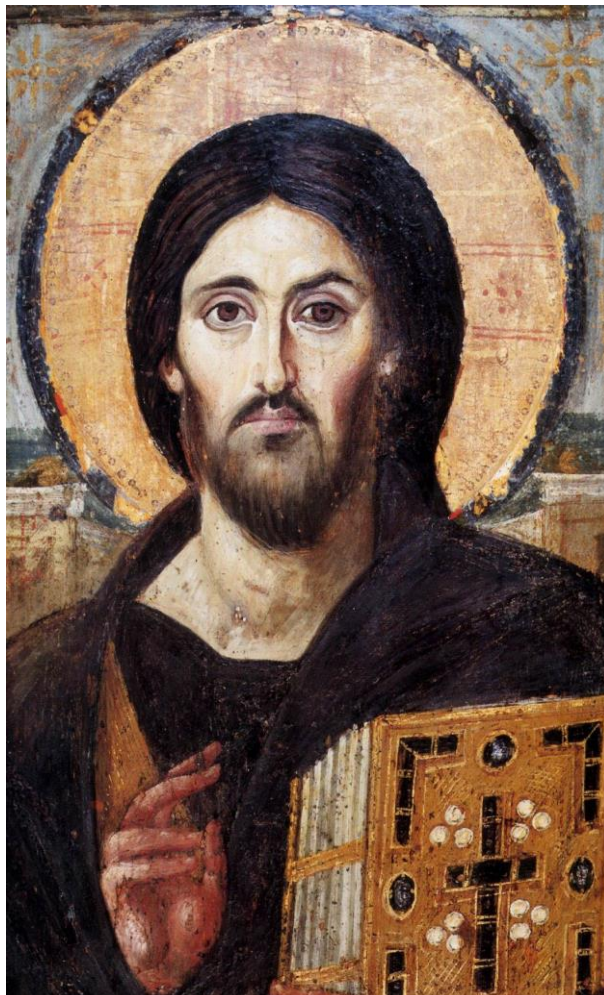




The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The oldest known icon of Christ Pantocrator, c.550, St Catharine's Monastery, Sinai

Choral Mass

in the week of

The Second Sunday before Advent

Wednesday 22 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

Setting: Missa brevis—Giovanni Francesco Anerio c. 1567–1630

Opening Hymn: NEH 499 (verses 1-2, 4-5)

Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.
O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O Morning Star,
Arise, and never set.

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

First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

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:

When the Son of Man is seated on the throne of glory,
you will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 25: 14-30

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 on the back of this service sheet.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 495

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth may filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?
March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,
That the earth may filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

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

Anthem during Communion:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail true Body, born of Mary, spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
Thou who truly hangedst weary on the Cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose sacred side was riven, whence the water flowed and blood,
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given at death's hour to be my food.
O sweet, O holy, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.*

William Byrd 1543–1623

Closing Hymn: NEH 500

Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:
The day in whose clear shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad:
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

Organ music: Prelude in F, BWV 534—J S Bach 1685-1750

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).

Tomorrow, Thursday 23 November: Mass at 12.10pm

Next Tuesday, 22 November: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 29 November: Choral Mass of S Andrew at 1.10 pm

We welcome Fr Andrew Williams as celebrant and preacher, and the hymns and choral music will have a Scottish theme

Missa brevis *Thea Musgrave*; Chorale Prelude on 'Dundee' Parry

Next Thursday, 30 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.

The Good Coffee Kiosk



Unfortunately, sales have not been at a sufficient level to keep the kiosk open, so with regret it has been decided that it will close for the time being while we investigate changes that can be made to make the venture more successful, and to enable more money to be donated to the good causes we want to support.

We would like to thank our loyal customers, and ask that you look out for news on any re-opening date in 2024.

Can you help us financially?

- **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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