



The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*The Dream of the Magi, 12<sup>th</sup> century relief sculpture by Gislebertus,  
Cathedral of St Lazarus, Autun, Burgundy, France*

# **Choral Mass**

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## **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

### **Wednesday 3 January 2024**

### **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 of the Mass:

Missa 'Alma Redemptoris Mater'—Tomás Luis de Victoria c.1548-1611

### Opening Hymn: NEH 50 (verses 1-3; tune 338)

From the eastern mountains pressing on they come,  
Wise men in their wisdom, to his humble home;  
Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar,  
Ever journeying onward, guided by a star.  
There their Lord and Saviour as an infant lay,  
Wondrous Light that led them onward on their way,  
Ever now to lighten nations from afar,  
As they journey homeward by that guiding star.  
Thou who in a manger once hast lowly lain,  
Who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign,  
Gather in the peoples, who in lands afar  
Ne'er have seen the brightness of thy guiding star.

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

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

### Gospel Acclamation

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

*This verse is sung by the Cantor:*

The peoples are gathered together and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.  
**and the refrain is then repeated by all**



**Gospel:** S Matthew 2: 1-12

*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 52

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*The first verse is repeated*

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

**Anthem during Communion:**

Omnes de Saba venient, aurum et thus deferentes,  
et laudem Domino annuntiantes. Alleluia.  
Reges Tharsis et insulae munera offerent,  
reges Arabum et Saba dona adducent. Alleluia.

*All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense;  
and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. Alleluya.*

*The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall give presents,  
the kings of Arabia and Sheba shall bring gifts. Alleluya.*

*Isaiah 60: 6; Psalm 72: 10*

*Orlandus Lassus 1530-94*

**Closing Hymn:** Hymn 49 (1<sup>st</sup> tune)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

*The first verse is repeated*

**Organ music:** In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

—Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

## **FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES**

*Best wishes to all for the New Year from the clergy and staff of St Botolph's, and many thanks for cards, greetings and gifts received.*

### **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

Choral services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (accessible from the church website [www.botolph.org.uk](http://www.botolph.org.uk)).

**Tomorrow, Thursday 4 January:** Mass at 12.10pm

**Next Tuesday, 9 January:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday, 10 January:** Choral Mass at 1.10 pm  
Missa 'Dies sanctificatus' *Palestrina*; Tribus miraculis *Palestrina*;  
Fugue in C, BWV 547ii *Bach*

**Next Thursday, 11 January:** Mass at 12.10pm

### **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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