



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The Baptism of Christ, Piero della Francesca (National Gallery)

Choral Mass

in the week of **The First Sunday
of Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)**
Wednesday 10 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 'Dies sanctificatus'

—Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina 1525-94

Opening Hymn: NEH 342 (tune 178)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die;
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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

First Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation

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

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

This is the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Mark 1: 4-11

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 56

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

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Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy Word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany;
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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

Anthem during Communion:

Tribus miraculis ornatum diem sanctum colimus: hodie stella Magos duxit ad præsepium: hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias: hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos. Alleluia.

*We celebrate this holy day, adorned with three miracles:
today a star led the Magi to the manger; today wine was made
from water at the wedding; today Christ desired to be baptised
by John, so that he might save us. Alleluya.*

Magnificat Antiphon for Epiphany

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Closing Hymn: NEH 57 (verses 1-4)

The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.
To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home.
To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
And all the hosts of Heaven.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

Organ music: Fugue in C, BWV 147 (ii)

—Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

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).

Tomorrow, Thursday 11 January: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 16 January: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 17 January: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass in *F Battmann*; *Alma Redemptoris Mater Legrenzi*;

Dialogue sur les grands jeux *Clérambault*

Next Thursday, 18 January: Mass at 12.10 pm

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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Monthly newsletter

Our newsletter is circulated monthly by email – the February issue is in preparation and 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

The Kiosk remains closed 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 later in 2024.

