



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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The Presentation in the Temple (detail), Rembrandt van Rijn 1606-69 (photo ME)

Choral Mass
of The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple (Candlemas) [2 February]
Wednesday 31 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 secunda—Hans Leo Hassler 1564-1612

***Candles are lit during the opening hymn -
please hold your candles upright so that wax will not drip
on your clothes or the marble floor***

Opening Hymn: NEH 157 (verses 1-3, 5)

Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state;
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait;
But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest,
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly Guest.

There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised Child,
The Glory of all lands.
O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be!

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

First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-5

Gradual:

the Choir sing the seasonal antiphon Alma Redemptoris Mater:

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia coeli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo: Tu quae genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid;
O, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*

Gospel Acclamation

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



This verse is sung by the Cantor:

The true light which enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Luke 2: 22-40

Candles are extinguished after the Gospel reading

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 156 (tune 288) *Quod chorus vatum*

Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,
In blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,
Finds its fulfilment.

Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,
Now she presents him for a spotless offering
Unto his Father.

In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
Life everlasting.

Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,
Thine be the glory.

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

Anthem during Communion:

Hodie beata Virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo,
et Simeon, repletus Spiritu Sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas,
et benedixit Deum in aeternum.

*Today the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the child Jesus in the
temple and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit, took him in his arms,
and blessed God for evermore.*

Magnificat antiphon at Vespers, Candlemas

Luca Marenzio 1553–99

***During the singing of the following hymn, light will be
passed again through the congregation***

Closing Hymn: NEH 33 (verses 1, 5, 7; tune *Divinum mysterium*)

Corde natus ex parentis

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealèd
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

The Solemn Blessing of Candlemas:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

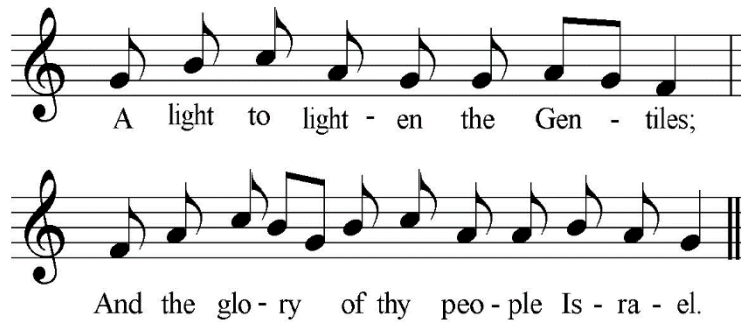
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the Choir sing Nunc dimittis

The Antiphon is sung first by the choir, and then by all: it is sung again by all at the end of the Canticle.



The Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light
to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Luke 2: 29–32

Orlando Gibbons 1583–1625 (The Short Service)

The Antiphon is repeated by all

***Candles are taken away as reminders of the light of Christ
in our daily lives***

Organ music: Prelude on 'Divinum mysterium'

– Frederick Candlyn 1892-1964

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

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

Tomorrow, Thursday 1 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 6 February: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 7 February: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass in C, K 257 ('Credomesse') *Mozart*; Dialogue *Dandrieu*

Next Thursday, 8 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Looking ahead to Lent

14 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY

Choral Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 1.10 pm

(in church and livestreamed)

Mass XVII *plainchant*;

Emendemus in melius Lassus;

Miserere mei, Deus de Monte

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.



The Parochial Church Council has agreed that **collections and alms in Lent** will once again go towards the support of our Priest Missioner, Fr Andrew Williams, 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 2023 theme of 'The Outcast':



Providence Row has been working since 1860 with all sectors of the homeless population in Tower Hamlets and the City of London, including those turned away from other projects due to their special needs. The charity works with more than 1800 homeless and vulnerably housed people a year, offering an integrated service of crisis support, advice, recovery, and learning and training programmes. The Dellow Day Centre provides essential services including food, showers and laundry facilities, which help to restore health and dignity, and the charity's wide range of advice support and outreach services also help to tackle the more complex issues which may be the root cause of a person's homelessness.

ABCD Bethlehem is a UK charity which has worked for nearly 40 years in partnership with organisations supporting disabled children in hospitals and refugee camps in the West Bank. The children and their



families cared for by ABCD's partners were already in great need of help, but the devastating conflict in Gaza has had a further huge impact on their lives. With Palestinian areas of the West Bank in lockdown and suffering nightly raids, the psychological damage to children and young adults is incalculable. Your donations will go towards ABCD's crisis appeal to meet the needs of hundreds of vulnerable children in refugee camp centres by providing additional trauma therapy, support for families with food parcels and medication, and urgent repairs to centres damaged in the conflict.

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 £4,750. Thank you all for your generosity to these worthy causes.**

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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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.

Monthly newsletter

Congregation members and friends of St Botolph's should by now have received our February newsletter by email. 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.

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about services and events and the latest news:**

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