



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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Imposition of Ashes, manuscript illumination (Walters Art Museum, Baltimore)

Choral Mass **and Imposition of Ashes** ***upon* ASH WEDNESDAY** **14 February 2024 at 1.10 pm**

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**Welcome to St Botolph's for this service of Choral Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes.**

Setting of the Mass: Mass XVIII *plainchant*

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Opening Hymn: NEH 67

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.
Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.
Let us thine endurance share
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.
So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The Collect for Purity and Kyrie eleison are omitted. There follows

The Imposition of Ashes

At the beginning of the service we follow this ancient custom. The ashes are made from the previous year's palm crosses, and as people come to the chancel step the priest marks their foreheads with the ashes, making the sign of the Cross with the exhortation: 'Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.' You are all invited to share in this ceremony, which many people find helpful at the beginning of the penitential season.

Litany and Confession

Priest Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Son,

All have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,

All have mercy upon us.

All Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for thy word and thy laws,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of death, and at the day of judgement,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation;
by thy birth, childhood and obedience;
by thy baptism, fasting and temptation,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

By thy ministry in word and work;
by thy mighty acts of power;
and by thy preaching of the kingdom,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

By thy agony and trial;
by thy cross and passion;
and by thy precious death and burial,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

By thy mighty resurrection;
by thy glorious ascension;
and by thy sending of the Holy Spirit,

All **good Lord, deliver us.**

Priest Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and
ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of thy
Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

All **Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Priest Make our hearts clean, O God;
All and renew a right spirit within us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded thy love, and marred thine image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep
this season of Lent.

O God our Father, thou dost create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by thy grace alone
that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

All are invited to come to the chancel step for the imposition of ashes

Anthem during the Imposition of Ashes

Emendemus in melius quae ignoranter peccavimus, ne subito
praeoccupati die mortis, quaeramus spatium poenitentiae, et invenire
non possimus. Attende, Domine, et miserere, quia peccavimus tibi.

*Let us now amend our sinful lives spent in selfish cares, lest, the day of
death coming suddenly upon us, we seek time to repent, and are not able to
find it. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against thee.*

Matins responsory, First Sunday of Lent

Orlandus Lassus 1530-94

Collect

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast
made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily
lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission
and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please sit

First Lesson: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual: Hymn 507 *Attende, Domine* (The Lent Prose)

The following refrain is sung first by a cantor, then repeated by all:



Hear us, O Lord, have mer- cy up - on us: for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

This verse is sung by a Cantor:

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes
in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

and the refrain 'Hear us, O Lord...' is then repeated by all

Gospel: S Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Priest The Lord be with you

All And with thy spirit.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The refrain 'Hear us, O Lord...' is repeated once more by all

The Sermon and Prayers of Intercession are omitted

Please remain standing

The Peace

Priest Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest and people exchange a sign of peace. Please respect other congregation members who may feel more vulnerable than you and may not feel able to shake hands.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 65

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn a collection will be taken up for our Lent Appeal (see back cover). 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 back or front of church, or the QR code on the back cover.

Christian, dost thou see them on the holy ground,
How the troops of Midian prowl and prowl around?
Christian, up and smite them, counting gain but loss,
Smite them by the merit of the Holy Cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them, how they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring, goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble; never be down-cast;
Smite them by the virtue of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them, how they speak thee fair?
'Always fast and vigil? Always watch and prayer?'
Christian, answer boldly: 'While I breathe I pray!'
Peace shall follow battle, night shall end in day.

'Well I know thy trouble, O my servant true;
Thou art very weary, I was weary, too;
But that toil shall make thee some day all mine own,
And the end of sorrow shall be near my throne.'

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared by the priest, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The priest takes the bread.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The priest takes the wine.

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
All It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

For he is thy living Word; through him thou hast created all things from the beginning, and fashioned us in thine own image.

Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

And now we give thee thanks because thou dost give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

The Choir sing **Sanctus & Benedictus**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of thy
glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest*

Please kneel or sit

Priest Hear us, O Father, through Christ thy Son our Lord; through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of his saving passion, his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, and we look for the coming of his kingdom. We pray thee to accept this our duty and service, and grant that we may so eat and drink these holy things in the presence of thy divine majesty, that we may be filled with thy grace and heavenly blessing.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Choir sing **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: grant us thy peace.*

Giving of Communion

Priest Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my
roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*The priest and people receive communion. Communicant members of all
Christian traditions are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*All are invited to come forward to kneel (or stand, if you prefer) at the altar
rail to receive Communion.*

*Words of distribution are used and the communicant replies **Amen.***

*All other members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to
receive a blessing—please hold this booklet as a sign.*

Anthem during Communion:

Miserere mei, Deus, miserere mei, quoniam in te confidit anima mea:
et in umbra alarum tuarum sperabo, donec transeat iniquitas.

Clamabo ad Deum altissimum: Deum qui benefecit mihi.

*Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth
in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this
tyranny be over-past. I will call unto the most high God: even unto the
God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.*

Psalm 57: 1-2

Philippe de Monte 1521-1603

Prayer after Communion

Please kneel or sit

Silence is kept.

Priest Almighty God, thou hast given thine only Son to be for us both a
sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable
gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his
most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All **O God of our pilgrimage, thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: NEH 70 (first tune)

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share thy joy at last.

All depart in silence

There is a further short said service including Imposition of Ashes at 5.10 pm today, and Fr David is available outside service times for ashing on request.

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 15 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 20 February: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday, 21 February: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa 'Emendemus in melius' *Palestrina*

Scapulis suis *Lassus*

Voluntary in E minor *Stanley*

Next Thursday, 22 February: Mass at 12.10 pm

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

Our newsletter is circulated monthly 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.

Advent Charities

As a result of alms given and donations made during Advent and at carol services we have been able to divide £4,800 between our chosen charities, Providence Row and ABCD Bethlehem.

Thank you all for your generosity.

See our website www.botolph.org.uk for more information about services and events and the latest news

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LENT APPEAL 2024

All collections and alms given during Lent will go to support our partner church in Tottenham Hale N17



Donations and alms in Lent will once again go towards the support of our Priest Missioner, Fr Andrew Williams, in his role as Vicar at **St Francis at the Engine Room**, our partner church in North London. is the first purpose-built church in the Diocese of London for 40 years, and St Botolph's has been in partnership with the new church since its founding.

Please give as generously as you are able 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.



**Thank you in advance
for your support!**

