



The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*Opening of St John's Gospel, illuminated MS*

# Choral Mass

*in the week of* **The Second Sunday before Lent**

**Wednesday 7 February 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:** Mass in C, K 257 ('Credomesse')

—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-91

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 433 (verses 1-3)

O worship the King,  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
The deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old:  
Hath stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

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

**First Lesson:** Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

*This verse is sung by the Cantor:*

God has spoken to us by the Son, through whom he created the worlds.  
**and the refrain is then repeated by all**

**Gospel:** S John 1: 1-14

*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 displayed in the church porch.*

Ant.  
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Lle-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

## Offertory Hymn: NEH 338

At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and bright dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
In the Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

## ***Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei:***

*see the Mass book for translation of the Latin texts*

## **During Communion:**

*the Agnus Dei of the Mozart Mass will be sung*

## **Closing Hymn: NEH 433 (verses 4-6)**

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender!  
How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

*concluded over*

O measureless Might,  
Ineffable Love,  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall sing to thy praise.

**Organ music:** Dialogue—Jean-François Dandrieu c. 1682-1738

*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](http://www.botolph.org.uk)).

**Tomorrow, Thursday 8 February:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Tuesday, 13 February:** Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

### **NEXT WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### **Choral Mass and Imposition of Ashes at 1.10 pm**

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 Fr David will be available for ashing outside service times on request.



**Next Thursday, 15 February:** Mass at 12.10 pm

### **Collections and alms in Lent**

Our Lent Appeal is once again for 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. You will find more information on posters round the church.