



The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*Piero della Francesca, c. 1465, c. 1455, S Francesco, Arezzo*

# **Choral Mass**

## **of The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary [8 April] Wednesday 10 April 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:

Messe pour deux voix égales—Auguste Durand 1830–1909

### Opening Hymn: NEH 182 (verses 1, 2, 4)

Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,  
When she to Beth'lem came that happy morn;  
How high her raptures then began to swell,  
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.

As Eve when she her fontal sin reviewed,  
Wept for herself and all she should include,  
Blest Mary with man's Saviour in embrace  
Joyed for herself and for all human race.

Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,  
Next to his throne her Son his Mother placed;  
And here below, now she's of heaven possessed,  
All generations are to call her blessed.

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

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 7: 10-14

**Gradual:** the Choir sing the seasonal antiphon Regina Caeli:

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia!  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!  
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia!  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!

*Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluya!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluya!  
As he promised has arisen, alleluya!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluya!*

### Gospel Acclamation

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

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

**and the refrain is then repeated by all**

**Gospel:** S Luke 1: 26-38

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A L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

**Intercessions** will conclude with 'Hail Mary' said by all:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*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.*

**Offertory Hymn:** NEH 161 (tune 385 *St Botolph*)

For Mary, Mother of the Lord  
God's holy name be praised,  
Who first the Son of God adored  
As on her child she gazed.  
The angel Gabriel brought the word  
She should Christ's mother be;  
Our Lady, handmaid of the Lord,  
Made answer willingly.  
The heavenly call she thus obeyed,  
And so God's will was done;  
The second Eve love's answer made  
Which our redemption won.

She gave her body for God's shrine,  
Her heart to piercing pain,  
And knew the cost of love divine  
When Jesus Christ was slain.  
Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
And home in Galilee,  
There comes a joy and holiness  
To every family.  
Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,  
Above all women blest;  
Blest in your Son, whom your embrace  
In birth and death confessed.

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

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

**Anthem during Communion:**

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns 1835–1921*

**Closing Hymn:** NEH 186 *Magnificat*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.  
Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.

**Organ music:** Magnificat in D—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 11 April:** Mass at 12.10 pm

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

**Next Wednesday, 17 April: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm**

Missa brevis in B flat, K 275 *Mozart*

Erstanden ist der heilige Christ, BWV 628 *Bach*

**Next Thursday, 18 April:** Mass at 12.10 pm

### **The Good Coffee Kiosk**



We hope to have some news soon about the re-opening of the Kiosk – announcements will be made on the website, in service sheets and notices round the church, and in our monthly newsletter (*if you do not already receive this and would like to, it is easy to subscribe via the website, or by emailing the Administrator at [church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk)*).