



The Parish and Ward Church of  
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
in the City of London  
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*S Mark the Evangelist, Book of Hours of Geoffroy Tory, 1531*

# **Choral Mass**

**of S Mark, Apostle & Evangelist [25 April]**  
**Wednesday 24 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



S Mark being the patron saint of Venice, the choral and organ music at today's service is all by composers associated with the Basilica di San Marco in that city: Andrea and Giovanni Gabrieli (uncle and nephew) both held the post of principal organist, and Giovanni Croce was *maestro di cappella*.

**Setting of the Mass:** Missa Brevis—Andrea Gabrieli 1533–85

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 163 (verses 1, 2, 4, 5; tune 128 (ii))

The Saint who first found grace to pen  
The life which was the Life of men,  
And shed abroad the Gospel's ray,  
His fame we celebrate today.

Lo, drawn by Pentecostal fire,  
His heart conceived its great desire,  
When pure of mind, inspired, he heard  
And with his hand set forth the Word.

O holy mind, for wisdom fit  
Wherein that Life of lives stood writ,  
May we through minds of like accord  
Show forth the pattern of our Lord.  
And so may all whose minds are dark  
Be led to truth by good Saint Mark,  
And after this our earthly strife  
Stand written in the Book of Life.  
Amen.

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

**First Lesson:** Ephesians 4: 7-16

### Gospel Acclamation

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

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Lle-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

The good news must be proclaimed to all nations.

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

**Gospel:** S Mark 13: 5-13

*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 page of this order of service.*

## **Offertory Hymn: NEH 486**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth,  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free:  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim;  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

***Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, and Agnus Dei:***  
*see the Mass book for translation of the Latin texts*

## **Anthem during Communion:**

Cantate Domino canticum novum:  
cantate Domino omnis terra.  
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius:  
annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.*

*Psalm 96: 1-2*

*Giovanni Croce 1557-1609*

## **Closing Hymn: NEH 231 (verses 1, 3)**

Who are these, like stars appearing,  
These before God's throne who stand?  
Each a golden crown is wearing;  
Who are all this glorious band?  
Alleluya, hark! they sing,  
Praising loud their heavenly King.

These are they who have contended  
For their Saviour's honour long,  
Wrestling on till life was ended,  
Following not the sinful throng;  
These, who well the fight sustained,  
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

**Organ music:** Ricercare—Giovanni Gabrieli c 1554-1612

*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 25 April:** Mass at 12.10 pm

**Next Tuesday, 30 April:** Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm

**Next Wednesday, 1 May:**

**Choral Mass of Ss Philip and James at 1.10 pm**

Missa Brevis in C, K 458 ('Spaur' or 'Piccolomini' Mass) *Mozart*

Estote fortes in bello *Victoria*

Canzon quarti toni (Messa della Apostoli) *Frescobaldi*

**Next Thursday, 2 May:** 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)*).

### 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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