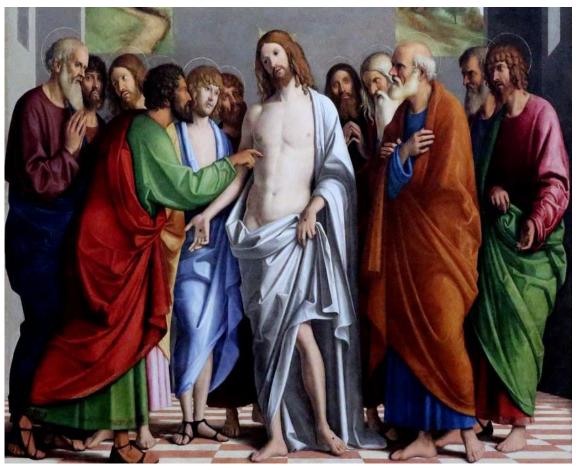


The Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate in the City of London EC2M 3TL



The Incredulity of S Thomas, Giovanni Battista Cima, National Gallery

# Choral Eucharist upon the Feast Day of S Thomas, Apostle Wednesday 3 July 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.

Fr David is on annual leave this week. In his absence we welcome as celebrant and preacher Fr Peter McGeary, Vicar, St Mary's, Cable Street.

Setting of the Mass: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, Hob. XXII: 7 (Kleine Orgelmesse)—Franz Josef Haydn 1732–1809

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 214 (verses 1-4; second tune) *Exultet caelum laudibus* Let the round world with songs rejoice; Let heaven return the joyful voice, All mindful of the Apostles' fame, Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim. Ye servants who once bore the light Of Gospel truth o'er heathen night, Still may your work that light impart, To glad our eyes and cheer our heart. O God, by whom to them was given The key that shuts and opens heaven, Our chains unbind, our loss repair, And grant us grace to enter there. For at thy will they preached the word Which cured disease, which health conferred: O may that healing power once more Our souls to grace and health restore. The hymn-writer Richard Mant was Rector of St Botolph's 1816–20

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

First Lesson: Ephesians 2: 19-end

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

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



This verse is sung by the cantor:

These things are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

Gospel: S John 20: 24-29

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. If you prefer to make a contactless donation please use one of the devices at the front or back of church or the QR code on the back page.

# Offertory Hymn: NEH 173 (verses 1, 3, 4, 5; tune 265)

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer, See the wounds in hand and side, Now behold the risen Saviour Who for thee has bled and died, And from death's dark pit arising, Lives in body glorified. Thomas looked upon the Master: Was it then indeed the Lord? Were those wounds no phantom tokens? Did the sight with truth accord? Scarce believing, joy unbounded, Leapt to greet the Saviour's word. Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped: 'O my Master, Lord and God', Here in truth was Christ the Saviour Who the path of suffering trod, And, to ransom souls unnumbered, Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

Thomas, sight has now convinced thee, Faith within thy heart has stirred; Blessèd more those faithful servants, Trusting in the Saviour's word, Who, though vision is denied them, Still believe, and own him Lord.

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

#### Anthem during communion:

Quia vidisti me, Thoma, credidisti: beati qui non viderunt et crediderunt. Alleluia.

Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. Alleluya. John 20:29 Hans Leo Hassler 1562–1612

Closing Hymn: NEH 432 (verses 1, 3, 4) O quanta qualia

O what their joy and their glory must be, Those endless Sabbaths the blessèd ones see! Crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ever blest. Truly Jerusalem name we that shore, 'Vision of peace' that brings joy evermore! Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er, Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer. We, where no trouble distraction can bring, Safely the anthems of Sion shall sing; While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise Thy blessèd people eternally raise.

Organ music: Fugue in G—Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809–47

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 4 July: Mass at 12.10 pm Next Tuesday, 9 July: Masses at 8.10 am and 12.10 pm Next Wednesday, 10 July:

At 11.30 am we welcome the Master, Wardens and members of the Worshipful Company of Bowyers for their Master's Day Service. The service will be led by Fr David, who is the Company's Hon. Chaplain, and the music will be provided by Iestyn Evans and St Botolph's Choir.



# 1.10 pm: Choral Mass of S Benedict of Nursia, Abbot

Missa 'Mon coeur se recommande a vous' Eccard Hodie Sanctus Benedictus Philips Dialogue sur les grands jeux Couperin

#### Next Thursday, 11 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

# 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 perhaps you might consider giving by standing order or direct debit, or a one-off donation? You will find more information about ways of supporting us on the website at <a href="https://botolph.org.uk/support-us/">https://botolph.org.uk/support-us/</a>, and the Administrator can help with queries (<a href="https://botolph.org.uk/support.uk">church@botolph.org.uk</a>).

- **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.
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