



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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*The Assumption of the Virgin (detail), Titian
Basilica Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, Venice*

Choral Mass

of the Feast of

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[15 August]

Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 1.10 pm

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Welcome to St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate

Setting: Messe brève—Léo Delibes 1815–1910

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: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gradual: the Choir will sing verses of the Marian hymn *Ave Maris Stella*:

<i>Before the Gospel reading:</i>	Ave maris stella	<i>Hail, O Star that pointest</i>
	Dei mater alma	<i>Towards the port of heaven,</i>
	Atque semper virgo,	<i>Thou to whom as maiden</i>
	Felix cæli porta.	<i>God for Son was given.</i>

Gospel Acclamation

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

This verse is sung by the Cantor:

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Lle-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

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: 46-55

<i>After the Gospel reading the Choir sing:</i>	Sumens illud Ave	<i>When the salutation</i>
	Gabrielis ore	<i>Gabriel had spoken,</i>
	Funda nos in pace,	<i>Peace was shed upon us,</i>
	Mutans Hevæ nomen.	<i>Eva's bonds were broken.</i>

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.

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Offertory Hymn: NEH 185

Sing we of the blessèd Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

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

Anthem during Communion:

Maria, Mater gratiae
Dulcis parens clementiae
Tu nos ab hoste protege,
Et mortis hora suscipe.

Jesu tibi sit gloria
Qui natus es de Virgine
Cum patre et almo Spiritu
In sempiternam saecula. Amen.

*Mother of grace, O Mary blest,
To thee, sweet fount of love, we fly;
Shield us through life, and take us hence
To thy dear bosom when we die.*

*O Jesu! born of Mary bright!
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.*

Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, tr. Edward Caswell Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

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: Ave maris stella—Nicolas de Grigny 1672-1703

All are warmly invited to join us for refreshments following the service

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & NOTICES

Tomorrow, Thursday 15 August: Mass at 12.10 pm

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

Next Wednesday, 21 August: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Mass of the Quiet Hour *Oldroyd*; Jesu, the very thought of thee *Bairstow*;
Prelude *Bairstow*

Next Thursday, 22 August: Mass at 12.10 pm

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