



The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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S Mary Magdalene, Rogier van der Weyden

Choral Mass

upon the feast day of **S Mary Magdalene**
Wednesday 22 July 2026 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

Today we feature composers associated with La Madeleine, the Church of S Mary Magdalene in Paris. Gabriel Fauré was at La Madeleine for more than thirty years, finally succeeding Théodore Dubois as organist in 1896.

Setting of the Mass: Messe Basse— Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

Opening Hymn: NEH 174 verses 1-3, tune 195

Mary, weep not, weep no longer,	Now from grief and lamentation
Now thy heart hath gained its goal;	Lift thy drooping heart with cheer;
Here, in truth, the Gardener standeth,	While for love of him thou mournest,
But the Gardener of thy soul,	Lo, thy Lord regained is here!
Who within thy spirit's garden	Fainting for him, thou hast found him;
By his love hath made thee whole.	All unknown, behold him near!

Whence thy sorrow, whence thy weeping,
Since with thee true bliss abides?
In thy heart, though undiscovered,
Balm of consolation hides:
Holding all, thou canst no longer
Lack the cure that Health provides.

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

First Lesson: Song of Solomon 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation

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



This verse is sung by the Cantor:

Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene; she went out and told those who had been with him that he was alive and had been seen by her.

and the refrain is then repeated by all

Gospel: S John 20:1-2, 11-18

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 of this service sheet.

Offertory Hymn: NEH 446

Sing Alleluya forth ye saints on high,
And let the Church on earth make glad reply:
To Christ the King, sing Alleluya!

To him who is both Word of God and Son,
Who, out of love, our nature did put on: *To Christ the King...*

To him who, born of Mary, shared our life,
And in our manhood triumphed in the strife: *To Christ the King...*

To him who did for all our sins atone,
In naked majesty on Calvary's throne: *To Christ the King...*

To him who rose victorious from the dead,
And reigns on high, his people's Lord and Head: *To Christ the King...*

To him who sent the Holy Spirit's grace,
To bear the Father's love to every race: *To Christ the King...*

To him, the universal Saviour, now
Let every knee in adoration bow:
To Christ the King, sing Alleluya!

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

During Communion: *The Agnus Dei of the Fauré Mass will be sung.*

Closing Hymn: NEH 174 verses 4-6, tune 195

Nay, no wonder if she knows not	Faith that washed the feet of Jesus,
Till the Sower's seed be sown,	Fed with dew the Fount of Grace
Till from him, the Word eternal,	Win for us a like compassion,
Light within her heart is thrown.	That, with all the ransomed race,
Now he calls her, and 'Rabboni,'	At the glory of his rising
She in turn her Lord doth own.	We may see him face to face.

Glory be to God and honour,
Who, preferring sacrifice,
Far above the rich man's bounty,
Sweetness found in Mary's sighs,
Who for all, his love foretasting,
Spreads the banquet of the skies.

Organ music: Marche-Sortie—Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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 from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm. Our normal service pattern is:

Tuesdays - Said Mass at 12.10 pm (*This is now the only Mass on Tuesday*)

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, 23 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Tuesday, 28 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

Next Wednesday 29 July: Choral Mass at 1.10 pm

Missa Simile est regnum *Victoria*; Ave verum Corpus *Elgar*
Praeludium in E minor ('The Less') *Bruhns*

Next Thursday, 30 July: Mass at 12.10 pm

CAN YOU HELP US FINANCIALLY?

- **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.
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Support Local Good Causes — enjoy drinks, pastries, and ice creams from The Good Coffee Kiosk at the Bishopsgate entrance, with all profits going to help the homeless.

Opening times Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 3.30pm.

