

The Advent Carol Service and Procession

Advent Sunday

3rd December 2023

5.30pm



Welcome to Ripon Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since Wilfrid built the first church here in 672AD. The crypt of that original church still survives and is the oldest part of any English cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there over 1350 years.

Built on the firm foundation of that heritage, the Cathedral today continues to proclaim the Christian faith, with daily prayer and active service in Jesus' name.

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Sitting, kneeling, standing

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers. This order of service invites you to sit, kneel or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and adopt the posture you find most comfortable.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available. Please ask those who welcomed you if you would like one.









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Welcome to this Advent Procession and Carol Service as we begin the Church's new year.

Advent is a time of expectation: the word itself means 'coming'. It recalls ancient Israel's hope for the advent of the Messiah and it also expresses the Christian hope for the fulfilment of God's Kingdom in the second coming of Christ.

Processions, outside and inside churches, form some of the earliest drama. This service is a journey. The procession of the choir moves from the east, the Advent Responsory being sung in the quire. The choir then process, with candles, around the congregation to the West door enveloping the congregation in light and the worship. The Advent Prose is sung at the West door. The choir then make their way through the congregation as the first congregational hymn is sung. Congregational candles are lit at this point as the light has been symbolically brought from the High Altar by the choir to the congregation. As the service progresses the Cathedral gradually gets brighter. The final responsory is sung by the choir and they then lead the congregation out into the world to share the light of Christ.

The words and music seek to enable us to worship God, who calls us to do his will and make the world what he created it to be – full of his glory.

"The Kingdom of God is about the will of God for this earth here below ... it is about the transformation of this world into holiness, not the evacuation of this world into heaven."

John Dominic Crossan

The service is sung by the Choral Foundation.

The texts said and sung in this service are ancient, from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Christian New Testament, and Christian tradition. They address Christ as the hope of Israel and its redeemer, fulfilment of the promises made by the Hebrew prophets. We recognise that this language may seem insensitive in this year of conflict. They have not been chosen to signify a particular stance in relation to the war in Gaza. These texts are part of the long tradition in which we pray, this evening, for the coming of Jesus to bring an end to all hatred, terror, violence and pain.

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The Cathedral is dimly lit. Please stand as The Dean greets the Mayors and escorts them to their seats followed by Countess Charlotte Peel DL who represents His Majesty King Charles III.

Please sit as the Dean begins his words of welcome.

The Gathering

Introduction and Bidding Prayer

The Dean

It is time for us to wake out of sleep, for deliverance is nearer to us now than it was when first we believed. It is far on in the night; day is near. Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

A/I

My brothers and sisters, we enter today
the solemn season of Advent in which the Church
bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ;
a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem;
a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit,
in the bread of the Eucharist,
in the joy of human lives that are shared;
a coming we wait for when God
gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world.
Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us.

And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair.

The Collect

Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

The whole congregation prays silently, after which the Dean draws the prayers together with the Advent collect.

The Dean Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A// Amen.

Silence.

The Dean is verged to greet the choir gathered in the quire who then sing.

The Advent Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Words: Matin Responsory, Advent Sunday Music: from a Nunc Dimittis by G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594) Please stand as the choir processes from the quire to the West end whilst the organist plays. The choir envelopes the congregation in light.

The congregational candles remain unlit until after the Advent Prose.

The Choir sings the Advent Prose. Please join in with the Antiphon.

The Advent Prose

Antiphon.



Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All Drop down ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

A// Drop down ye heavens from above, ...

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All Drop down ye heavens from above, ...

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer.

All Drop down ye heavens from above, ...

NEH 501 Music: RORATE CAELI, Mode i

Processional Hymn

During the procession the congregation's hand-held candles are lit. Once lit, please use your candle to light your neighbours' candles.

O come, O come, Emmanuel! redeem thy captive Israel, that into exile drear is gone far from the face of God's dear Son. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high! who madest all in earth and sky, creating man from dust and clay: to us reveal salvation's way. *Rejoice!*

O come, O come, Adonaï, who in thy glorious majesty from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe, gavest thy folk the ancient law. *Rejoice!*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw the quarry from the lion's claw; from those dread caverns of the grave, from nether hell, thy people save. *Rejoice!*

O come, thou Lord of David's Key! the royal door fling wide and free; safeguard for us the heavenward road, and bar the way to death's abode. *Rejoice!*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright! pour on our souls thy healing light; dispel the long night's lingering gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb. *Rejoice!*

O come, Desire of nations! show thy kingly reign on earth below; thou Corner-stone, uniting all, restore the ruin of our fall. Rejoice

NFH 1

Words: Ancient Advent Antiphons, tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody adapted from a French Missal by T. Helmore (1811-1890) Please remain standing as the censing of the altar takes place.

Prayers of Penitence

The Dean When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,

and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ we confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of

your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

A// Lord, have mercy.

The Dean You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The Dean You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

A// Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The Dean Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom

that cannot be destroyed,

forgive us our sins,

open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A// Amen.

Please sit.

You are invited to keep your candle lit until after the third reading. If, however, you extinguish it earlier, please keep it upright for a few seconds to minimise the risk of spilt candle wax.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Read by Mrs Elaine Swinhoe, Mothers' Union President for the Diocese of Leeds.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

A// Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkes finden Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady A-been heavené gueen.

Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen Deo gratias!

Words: Anonymous 15th Century Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

The Second Reading

Read by Councillor Chris Thompson, Mayor of Pateley Bridge Town Council.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the LORD have created it.

Isaiah 45.2-8

This is the word of the Lord.

A// Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice; Echoing songs arise, Hail with united voice; Him who made earth and skies; He comes in righteousness and love; He brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze,
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise, He is your brightest morn; Greet him with joyous eyes, Praise shall his path adorn. The God whom you have longed to know, In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West, Lands of the setting sun, Welcome the heavenly guest, In whom the dawn has come; He brings a never-ending light Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on; Songs be in every mouth; Lo, from the North they come, From East, and West, and South. In Jesus all shall find their rest, In him the sons of earth be blest.

NEH 7

Words: Charles Oakley (1832-1865) Music: LITTLE CORNARD Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Please sit.

The following reading tells that our 'light has come' As a sign of this the lights will come up during the following anthem. Please extinguish your candle, keeping it upright for a few seconds to minimise the risk of spilt wax.

The Third Reading

Read by Canon Julie Moody, member of the cathedral chapter.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

Isaiah 60.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Anthem

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

> Words: Romans 10.15,18 Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Fourth Reading

Read by Reverend Dave Ho Young, Area Dean of North West Leeds & Team Vicar, Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team Ministry.

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest as people exult when dividing plunder. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9. 2-3 & 6-7

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Of one that is so fair and bright velut maris stella, brighter than the day is light, parens et puella: I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy son for me, tam pia, that I may come to thee, Maria.

as the star of the sea

both mother and maiden

you who are so gracious

All this world was forlorn

Eva peccatrice, when Eve did sin

till our Lord was y-born

de te genetrice. from you his mother.

With Ave it went away

darkest night, and comes the day

salutis; of salvation

the well springeth out of thee,

virtutis. fount of goodness

Lady, flower of everything,

Rosa sine spina, Rose without a thorn

thou bare Jesu, heaven's King,

gratia divina:

of all thou bearst the prize, Lady, queen of paradise

electa: you are chosen maid mild, mother es effecta. you have become.

Words: English c.1300 Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

through heavenly grace

The Fifth Reading

Read by Baroness Angela Harris, High Steward.

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

A collection is taken during this hymn.

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
'Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!' Alleluia!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
From earth and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluia!
Grant us to raise to length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

NEH 16

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935) Music: WACHET AUF Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Harmony by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

The choir sings and all repeat:



Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A// Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit when the Gospel procession has returned.

Anthem

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine; thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917) Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

The Prayers

After each petition, please respond with the phrase:

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All	Come, Lord Jesus!
Intercessor	In the times when we find it hard to pray.
Intercessor	In the times when we are too occupied by busyness.
Intercessor	In the times when we stop working for the Kingdom.
Intercessor	In the times when we find it hard to forgive.
Intercessor	In the times when we lack compassion towards our neighbours.
Intercessor	In the times when we want only to think of ourselves.
Intercessor	In the times when we do not want to get involved in social issues.
Intercessor	In the times when we want to have more material possessions.
Intercessor	In the times when we put off living as if this day is the last.
Intercessor	In the times when we fail to long for you.

The Lord's Prayer

Intercessor Looking for the coming of God's Kingdom,

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please stand.

The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

John 3.16-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A// Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing.

The Final Responsory

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord. *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord he will be with you.*

Words: Vespers Responsory Music: adapted from G. P. da Palestrina (1525-94)

The Dean The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness

and put on the armour of light.

Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.

All Even so, Lord, come.

The Dean O Lord Jesus Christ, come at evening time, with light,

The Dean and in the morning, with your glory,

A// to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Dean He who receives our prayers says:

Surely I come quickly.

I am the root and offspring of David, I am the bright and morning star.

All Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The Blessing

The Dean Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,

scatter the darkness from before your path,

and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Once for favoured sinners slain; Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him Robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the Tree, Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers: With what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!

An organ interlude is played at this point.

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, Claim the kingdom for thine own: O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: HELMSLEY T. Olivers (1725-1799) included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy process out.

Organ Voluntary

Overture to St Paul

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) arr. William Thomas Best (1826-97)



Christmas & New Year Special Services

Festival of Lessons and Carols 23rd & 24th December 5.30pm

Christmas Eve

11.30am Journey to Bethlehem 11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Festal Eucharist

Boxing Day

9.30am St Stephen's DayEucharist10.15am Pilgrimage toFountains Abbey with carols

New Year's Eve 11.15pm

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Sunday 14th January

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Friday 2nd February 7.30pm

Festal Eucharist for Candlemas with candlelit procession

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