



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Advent Sunday

Sunday 3rd December 2023

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.

If you would like to find out more about how the cathedral community is seeking to grow God's Kingdom in this 21st century, please visit our website. Regular updates of all that we are involved in and our worship are posted on our Facebook page and we tweet regularly using "@riponcathedral".

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 service

We welcome you to this act of worship. Whatever has brought you here today, we trust that you will find yourself more aware of God through the words, prayers and music. We worship in the season of Advent. This 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.

As we worship today in this Cathedral church we pray that we may all encounter God and be filled with God's life and love, and that we may reach out to include others in sharing our joy.

About this service

The President is The Canon Pastor, The Revd Canon Claire Renshaw.

The Preacher is The Dean, The Very Revd John Dobson DL.

The service is sung by the Cathedral Lay Clerks and the setting is *Missa Simile est regnum caelorum* by *Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*.

The Cathedral bells are rung by the Ripon Cathedral Guild of Bellringers.

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Children's church is for primary school aged 6 and above. Little Children's Church for babies and small children. The older group meets in the rooms beneath the Chapter House and the younger ones in the Library. Please ask those who welcomed you for directions.

Safeguarding

Ripon Cathedral is committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the clergy. You can also contact the Safeguarding Team on 0113 353 0257.

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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Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

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, Adonai,
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!*

NEH 11

*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)*

The Greeting

- President
All With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.
- President
All With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.
- President
All In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.
- President
All In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.
- President
All Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the service.

Prayer of Preparation

- All* **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

- Deacon When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

President Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Choir *Kyrie eleison,* Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Lighting of a candle on the Advent Wreath

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

President Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Collect

President 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.
All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.11-14

All This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Please remain seated as the choir sings the following response, which is then repeated by the congregation.



Show the light of your coun - ten-ance and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,

In the presence of before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your strength and come and help us.

[Response]

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at the prayers of your people?

[Response]

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

[Response]

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

[Response]

Psalm 80. 1-7, 18-19

The Gospel

Please stand and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.

The choir sings, then all repeat:



Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Matthew 24.36-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The organist improvises as the Gospel party returns.

The Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

The Nicene Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Intercessions

- President Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.
- Please sit.*
- Intercessor That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor That God may bind up the broken hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:
- President Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
 and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange warm greetings with those nearest us.

Preparation of the Altar

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory 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)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation
of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing.

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Deacon
All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Peter, St Wilfrid and the all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Awaiting his coming in glory,
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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

President Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All **Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion.
If you are not a communicant and would like to receive God's blessing, please
come with this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed. If you
require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister.*

During communion, the choir sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, Have mercy on us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, Grant us peace.

Motet

Lord, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me:
and consider my voice when cry unto thee.
O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight in the incense:
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:
And keep the door of my lips.

But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God:
in thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.
O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen.

*Words: Psalm 141. 1-4, 9 & Gloria
Music: Peter Tranchell (1922-1993)*

Prayer after Communion

President O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which, please stand.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President 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 among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Recessional 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 nought 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!

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!

NEH 9

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HELMSLEY Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799) included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Fantasy on 'Helmsley'

Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

After the service, please join us in the south transept for a coffee, tea or juice.

Services later today and this week

12.30pm Holy Eucharist (1662 BCP) *President: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

1.15pm Holy Baptism Amelia & Albert Officiant; Canon Claire Renshaw

3.30pm Evening Prayer

5.30 pm Advent Carol Service with Procession

Diary for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday & Saturday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Tuesday to Friday 5.30pm

Monday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Michael Gisbourne

Tuesday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham

12noon The Eucharist President: Rt Revd Clive Handford

Wednesday 10.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Matthew Pollard

Thursday 9.00am The Eucharist President: The Dean

Friday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Matthew Pollard

12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg

Saturday 12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Myra Shackley

Worship Next Sunday, 10th December, Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Eucharist (1662) *President & Preacher: The Dean*

9.30am Morning Prayer *in the Chapel of the Resurrection*

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President; Canon Michael Gisbourne*
Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard

12.30pm Eucharist (1662) *President: Canon Claire Renshaw*

3.30pm Light up a life *special service with St Michael's Hospice*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Advent Course First 3 Mondays of December looking at the newly published book by the Bishop of Kirkstall Arun Arora titled "*Stick with love*". Details on noticeboards.

Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm Cathedral Meditation Group

Sunday 10th Dec 10.30am Sung Eucharist & Enthronement of a Child

Bishop – join us for our usual Sunday morning service at which we will enthrone a young member of the congregation as the Child Bishop following a tradition established in some cathedrals going back centuries. ***We will also be collecting gifts appropriate to be given to children at Christmas. These will be passed to the Salvation Army for distribution to any in need.***

Parish Christmas card delivery – please help us deliver the Christmas card to all the homes in the parish - sign on the lists against the road you can deliver.



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 Day
Eucharist

10.15am Pilgrimage to
Fountains Abbey with carols

New Year's Eve 11.15pm

Watchnight with procession to
market square for midnight

Sunday 7th January 10.30am

Festal Eucharist for Epiphany

Sunday 14th January

Farming Sunday

2.30pm refreshments

3.30pm Service

Friday 2nd February 7.30pm

Festal Eucharist for Candlemas
with candlelit procession

All Welcome

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Tickets are not required for any of the services