

RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday 17th December 2023
10.30am

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 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 Lay Clerks of the cathedral choir. They sing *Messa a tre voci* by *Antonio Lotti (c. 1667-1740)*.

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.

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Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

**Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

NEH 55

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: CRÜGER adapted by W. H. Monk (1823-1889) from a chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

The Greeting

President With love and compassion,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President With judgement and mercy,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President In power and glory,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President In wisdom and truth,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
All 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	<i>Kyrie eleison,</i>	Lord, have mercy.
	<i>Christe eleison,</i>	Christ, have mercy.
	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	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 third candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

God our Father,
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age
a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit,
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All

Amen.

The Collect

President

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
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 first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

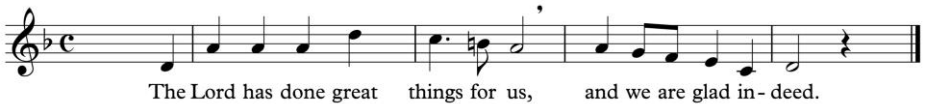
My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–24

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

Psalm

The choir sings, then all repeat:



Choir When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

[Response]

Choir Then they said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

[Response]

Choir Restore our fortunes, O Lord
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

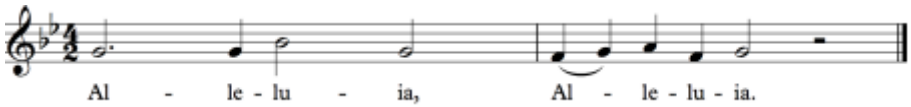
[Response]

Psalm 126

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 John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1.6-8, 19-28

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 Creed

President Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**

Please sit.

Prayers of Intercession

President Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

This response may be used after each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Intercessor Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand.

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, the bread and wine are placed on it.

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the new credit / debit card terminals that are also available.

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

*NEH 12
Words: Jordanis oras praevia Charles Coffin (1676–1749) tr. John Chandler (1808–76)
Music: WINCHESTER NEW Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690*

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
A// **and also with you.**

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

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

President 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, *Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. *God of power and might,*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. *heaven and earth are full of your*
Hosanna in excelsis. *glory. Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit in nomine *Blessed is he who comes in the*
Domini. *name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in the highest.*

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon

All

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

President

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Wilfrid and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.*

Motet

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known to all men, for the Lord is e'en at hand. Be not careful, but in all things let your petition and prayer and supplication with giving of thanks be known before God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Words Philippians 4.4-7
Music: Thomas Causton (c. 1520–1569)*

Prayer after Communion

President We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his face;
 who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given.

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

Organ Voluntary

Fugue on 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme' (*from* Op. 52 No. 2)

Max Reger (1873-1916)

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

Services later today and this week

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

3.30 pm Evening Prayer

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 Claire Renshaw
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Jonathan Gough
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Rt Revd Clive Handford
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Revd Cliff Bowman
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Richard Seed
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg

Worship Next Sunday, 24th Dec, 4th Sun of Advent | Christmas Eve

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Claire Renshaw*

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

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President; Canon Matthew Pollard*

Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne

11.30am Journey to Bethlehem

12.30pm Eucharist (1662) *President: Reverend Lynn Thorius*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

5.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

11.00 pm Festal Eucharist for Christmas *President: The Dean*

Preacher: Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon

There is no Children's Church next week as it is Christmas Eve! Join us instead at the Journey to Bethlehem service (11.30am) dressed as your favourite Nativity character and be a part of the Christmas story! Children's Church returns on Sun 14th Jan 2024.

Forthcoming events

Christmas Day 8.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Festal Eucharist

Boxing Day 9.30am St Stephen's Day Eucharist *followed by Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey with carols sing at the Abbey.*

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 Plough Sunday Service 2.30pm refreshments 3.30pm Service

Friday 2nd February 7.30pm Festal Eucharist for Candlemas with candlelit procession



Christmas & New Year Special Services

Festival of Lessons and Carols

23rd & 24th December 5.30pm

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All Welcome

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