



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th 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 Chancellor, The Revd Canon Matthew Pollard.

The Preacher is The Canon Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The service is sung by the Lay Clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Missa Ave Maria* by *David Pisaro (b. 1975)*.

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

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Words of welcome are given by the Canon Precentor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human:
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected:
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Journey ends: where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

NEH 10

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*Music: PERSONENT HODIE MELODY FROM *Piae Cantiones* 1582*

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 fourth candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Romans 16.25–27

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

Affirmation of Faith

President
All

Let us declare our faith in God.
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.

Please sit.

Intercessor
All

Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

And at the end

All

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 upon it.

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the new credit / debit card terminals that will also be passed around.

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall,
such birth befits the God of all.**

**Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
the Saviour, now to man displayed.**

**O equal to thy Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate**

**Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness glow with new-born light,
no more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.**

**O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

*NEH 19
Words Ambrose of Milan (c. 337-397) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music PUER NOBIS NASCITUR adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

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.
A// **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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
He is the one foretold by all the prophets,
whom the Virgin Mother bore with love beyond all telling.
John the Baptist was his herald
and made him known when at last he came.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again
he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your glory,
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*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.

*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

Deo gratias.

Thanks be to God.

*Words: from the Mass
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

Prayer after Communion

President Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

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.**

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Amen (*from Ave Maris Stella, Op. 18*)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Forthcoming events and services

Tuesday 2 nd January 7.30pm	Cathedral Meditation Group
Sunday 7 th January 10.30am	Festal Eucharist for Epiphany
Sunday 14 th January 3.30pm	Plough Sunday Service
Friday 2 nd February 7.30pm	Festal Eucharist for Candlemas with candlelit procession

Services later today and this week

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

11.30am Journey to Bethlehem

12.30pm Holy Eucharist (BCP) *President: Reverend Lynn Thorius*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

5.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

11.00pm Festal Eucharist for Christmas *President: The Dean*
Preacher: Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon

Cathedral supporting the Parishes *Michelle Dearlove is preaching at Littlethorpe this morning.*

Diary for the Week

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Tuesday to Saturday 5.30pm

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Festal Eucharist President & Preacher: The Right Reverend Nick Baines,
Bishop of Leeds.

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

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday	9.30am		President: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham,
26th	The Eucharist		Bishop of Ripon; Preacher: The Dean
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Wilby
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard

Worship Next Sunday, 31st December, 1st Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

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

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

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Matthew Pollard*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

11.15pm Watchnight service *Preacher: The Dean*