



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Festal Eucharist

The Epiphany

Sunday 7th January 2024
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.

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.

The word 'Epiphany' is Greek for 'manifestation, showing forth, revealing'. Today we remember Jesus being shown to wise men from the East who symbolise all the nations of the earth worshipping our Incarnate God and offering rich and rare gifts – gold for a king; incense for God; myrrh for one who will suffer and die. These three gifts are offered at the Crib today as a sign of our adoration and recognition that Jesus is our Lord and God with us. Our Epiphany prayer is that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess he is Lord. The Baptism and Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding in Cana are celebrated in this season – 'Epiphanies' which reveal Jesus' true nature. We pray that our lives in this Cathedral Community may reveal him in all we say and do.

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 Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The Preacher is The Canon Chancellor, The Revd Canon Matthew Pollard.

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.

The flowers are provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower arranging Guild.

Children at Ripon Cathedral

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Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

O Star of wonder, star of night

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Pray'r and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

O Star of wonder, star of night

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

O Star of wonder, star of night

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder, star of night

AM105

Words: E. J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT E. J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

The organist improvises as the altar is censed.

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

President **The Lord of glory be with you.**
All The Lord bless you.

The President introduces the service.

President The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him;
All nations shall do him service.

Psalm 72.10

Acclamations at the Presentation of the Gifts at the Crib

At the offering of gold:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

At the offering of incense:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

At the offering of myrrh:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayer of Penitence

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

President God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax
hominibus, bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.*

*Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, Suscipe
deprecationem nostram.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu
Christe. Cum sancto spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us. You are seated at
the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

President Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh,
let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Old Testament Reading

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, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Isaiah 60.1-6

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

Gradual Hymn

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid.**

NEH 48

Words: Latin, Prudentius (348–410) tr. Edward Caswall (1814–1878)

Music: STUTTGART adapted from a melody in C. F. Witt's Harmonia Sacra Gotha (1715)

The Gospel

Please remain standing and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.

The choir sings, then all repeat:



Cantor Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2.1-11

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

President Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour.
 Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
 and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

Please sit.

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 Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
 Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there shall be no end.

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.

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesu, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
thou its Sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.**

NEH 47

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: DIX adapted from C. Kocher (1788-1872) by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

The organist improvises as the altar is censed.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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.**

President All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
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.

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

Ecce advenit Dominator Dominus: et
regnum in manu eius, et potestas, et
imperium.

Deus, iudicium tuum regi da: et
justitiam tuam filio regis.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc et
semper et in saecula
saeculorum. Amen.

*Behold, the Lord and Master has
come: with his rule, his power,
and his authority in his hand.*

*O God, give the king your
judgments: and your
righteousness to the son of a king.*

*Glory to the Father and the Son
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now and shall be
for ever. Amen.*

*Words: Introit, Mass of the Epiphany Gradualia 1607 after Mal. 3, 1; 1 Chron 29, 12; Ps. 72: 1
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)*

Prayer after Communion

President Lord God,
 the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
 may we who with the wise men
 have been drawn by your light
 discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
 the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Notices may be given.

Please stand at the invitation of the President.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President May God the Father,
 who led the wise men by the shining of a star
 to find the Christ, the Light from light,
 lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
All **Amen.**

President May God, who has delivered us
 from the dominion of darkness,
 give us a place with the saints in light
 in the kingdom of his beloved Son.
All **Amen.**

President May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
 shine in your hearts and fill our lives
 with his joy and peace.
All **Amen.**

President 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

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine?
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

NEH 49

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: EPIPHANY J. F. Thrupp (1827-1867)

The Dismissal

Deacon

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Épiphanie

Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)

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 (BCP)	<i>President: Canon Mathew Pollard</i>
1.15pm	Holy Baptism	Casper & Isaac Officiant; Canon Michael Gisbourne
3.30pm	Festal Evensong	
Responses	<i>Rose</i>	Hymns: 50 (tune 338); 47 Psalm: 98
Setting	<i>Sumsion</i>	in G
Anthem	<i>Surge, illuminare Byrd</i>	

Diary for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday to Saturday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Richard Seed
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Cliff Bowman
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Claire Renshaw
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Revd Michael Glanville-Smith
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Wilby

Worship Next Sunday, 14th January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>President & Preacher: Canon Claire Renshaw</i>
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	<i>in the Chapel of the Resurrection</i>
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	<i>President: The Dean</i> <i>Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne</i>
12.30 pm	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>President: Canon Michael Gisbourne</i>
3.30 pm	Plough Sunday Service	refreshments from 2.30pm Preacher: Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon

Forthcoming events

Thursday 11th January 1.00pm Concert, Chris Why, Tenor
Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Sunday 21st January 2.00pm Friends Lecture – Canon Matthew Pollard
held at Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Road, Ripon

Sunday 28th January 3.30pm Evensong with Installation of Canons

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



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Epiphany to Lent Special Services

Sunday 7th January 10.30am

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2.30pm refreshments

3.30pm Service

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Ash Wednesday 14th February

10.00am Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 3rd March 5.30pm

Eucharist with laying on of hands and prayer for healing

All Welcome

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