



RIPON CATHEDRAL



Rivers of Life

A celebration of 10 years
of rural ministry and life
in the Diocese of Leeds

12 May 2024

3.30pm

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Diocese of Leeds **Living.**
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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 for 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 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

A very warm welcome to this Rivers of Life service as we gather in Ripon Cathedral to celebrate the rural dimensions of the Diocese of Leeds. Ten years on from the creation of one of the largest dioceses in the Church of England, we are praising God for the many and varied ways we see him at work in and through his Church in this region. It is natural that our honouring of rural mission and rural communities should take place in this ancient church, the oldest of England's cathedrals which serves the newest diocese.

The creation of the Leeds diocese resulted in a new departure for the Church of England, the first time in its history it has had a diocese with more than one cathedral. In 2014, we soon decided that each of the cathedrals serving the Bishop of Leeds - Bradford, Wakefield and Ripon - should develop one or two mission specialisms beyond being centres of excellence for worship and music. Here at Ripon, it was immediately obvious that rural engagement should be one of ours. Set in this glorious rural context, we were keen to have a depth of understanding of the real joys, challenges, and opportunities of sustaining rural communities and businesses, including churches. Ripon Cathedral Rural Form was created in 2018 and now benefits from having a membership of over 30 significant regional organisations. Under its umbrella, the cathedral also now has the Rural Housing Forum and the Rural Ministry Forum.

Many churches, communities, charities and businesses are represented here today, all doing their bit to serve the common good and enable life to flourish. This is often in the face of a plethora of difficulties which beset rural living, such as social isolation, poor communications, a lack of affordable homes, closing schools, shops and pubs. All this we acknowledge, while celebrating the joys and opportunities of rural life.

As we thank God for giving and sustaining all life, we celebrate how we see him at work both in and out of our churches as we reflect on different dimensions of life in this diocese's rural areas. Like the streams and rivers that flow freely and generously in the Dales and elsewhere, God's generous Spirit is seen to bring life, fellowship and hope in all circumstances. May today's service, as we mark the tenth anniversary of the diocese, be an opportunity to renew our confidence in God's grace and to commit ourselves to working together with renewed vigour for the benefit of all within our rural communities.

We are delighted that we are joined today by Mr Simon Theakston DL, representing His Majesty the King by deputising for the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner. We are also delighted to welcome Mr C Richard Jackson MBE DL, who is representing the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr Ed Anderson.

We are also delighted to welcome the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, Dr Ruth Smith; The Chair of North Yorkshire Council, Cllr David Ireton; The President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Mr Martin Cockerill; Trustee of The Yorkshire Agricultural Society Director, Mr Charles Mills.

We also welcome to the service the Mayor and Mayoress of Ripon; the Mayor and Consort of Wetherby; the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond; the Mayor and Mayoress of Pateley Bridge; the Mayor and Consort of Skipton; the Mayor & Consort of Bedale and the Mayor of Knaresborough.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome today the Chapel Choir of Hall School from North London who join with the boy choristers, bass lay clerks and lay clerks of the Cathedral choir.

Please, do enjoy the service and join us afterwards, to sustain the celebration with tea and cake.

Dean John

Bishop Anna

As we gather for the service this afternoon, please enjoy a sequence of beautiful photographs of North Yorkshire by David Tarn on the television screens. They provide a stunning prelude to our rural ministry and life service.

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Prior to the service, the Dean escorts the representative of the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Simon Theakston DL, and the representative of the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr C Richard Jackson MBE DL to their seats.

The Gathering

Processional hymn

Please stand.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,**

NEH 263

Words Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William Draper (1855-1933)

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN after a melody in Geistliche Kirchengesäng Cologne, 1623

The Dean In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Dean Jesus who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,

All **be with us now.**

The Dean You kindled faith and hope
and came close to shed your light as darkness fell.
So, today as we gather here, we say:

All **Lord Jesus who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens be with us now.**

Opening Prayer

The Dean Creator God,
as we reflect back over the 10 years that the Diocese of Leeds
has served the rural community,
grant us the wisdom always to care for this earth.
Help us to act now for the good of future generations
and for all your creation,
founded on the promises of your ever-flowing love.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Waters

Bible Reading

Read by Hermione Pocock, Tees-Swale Youth Engagement Officer (Swaledale & Arkengarthdale).

A reading from the Psalms.

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
 you provide the people with grain,
 for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty;
 your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
 the hills gird themselves with joy;
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
 the valleys deck themselves with grain;
 they shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 65

Words from Simon Warwick MBE of the Lower Ure Conservation Trust.

Responsory

Young voice Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,
As the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust
All **Refresh us with your mercy.**

Young Voice As a stream flows steadily on,
defying all the odds of stone and water.
All **Flow over every boundary and border
that separates us from each other.**

Young Voice As the waters of baptism washed us and welcomed us
All **Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love**

Young Voice As once we were held in the waters of our mother's womb
All **Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

Choir

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork:

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Psalm 19.1-6

Farming and Food production

Bible Reading

Read by Rosie Wilson, a local farmer.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-31

Words from John Dawson, a family farmer on the slopes of Ingleborough.

Confession

Bishop Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

After a short silence,

Bishop Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources :
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Bishop Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Bishop The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord .

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Please stand.

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die—I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

AM 546

Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Music: HOWGREAT THOU ART Stuart K Hine (1899-1989)

Please sit.

Visitors and Hospitality

A reading from the Rule of St Benedict

Reverend Canon Ian Greenhalgh, Area Dean of Bowland and Ewecross.

A reading from the rule of St Benedict, the religious rule that was first practised in these lands on this site in the late 7th century.

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: *I was a stranger and you welcomed me*, Proper honour must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith and to pilgrims.

The Rule of St Benedict 53.1-2

Words from Justin Scully, General Manager of Fountains Abbey & Brimham Rocks, The National Trust.

Choir

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither flie;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King.
The Church with psalms must shout,
No doore can keep them out;
But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King.

*Words George Herbert (1593–1633)
Music: R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the credit / debit card terminals that are also available. The collection will go to support the cathedral's mission of rural ministry in the Diocese.

Please stand.

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

*WORDS: Richard A M Gillard (b. 1953)
MUSIC: SERVANT SONG Richard A M Gillard (b. 1953) (AM 604)*

Please sit.

Community life and Community Spirit

Bible reading

Read by Simon Theakston DL

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9. 35-38

Words from the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon.

Magnificat

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

 For he hath regarded :
 the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

 For behold, from henceforth :
 all generations shall call me blessed.

 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
 and holy is his Name.

 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
 throughout all generations.

 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Words: Luke 1. 47-55

Music: from the Evening Service in D Major by George Dyson (1883-1964)

Homily

The Dean

Prayers

*The Prayers are led by The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne, Canon Precentor
assisted by children from local schools.*

*The congregation is invited to follow the instructions to stand and turn and face
different directions.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Diocesan Anniversary Prayer

The Dean God of all grace,
 whose boundless and transforming love
 gives life and growth to your Church:
 enrich us with the fruits of your Spirit,
 that with joy and thanksgiving
 we may share the good news of your kingdom on earth
 fulfilled in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Commissioning and Re-Dedication

The Bishop As today, we have encountered the many ways the people of
 the rural regions of the Diocese have been challenged, and
 have responded in innovative ways, we re-dedicate ourselves
 and the whole church community to be rooted in this region
 showing the love of God in all that we do.

In the beginning, God spoke into darkness and there was light.
God continues to bring life and light through his powerful
word. One sows, and another waters, but it is God who brings
the growth. We rejoice in all that God has been doing, in and
amongst us, as the people of God in this place and we pray for
all that God will call us do in the future.

Will you love your neighbours and serve your communities,
being eager to do what is good?

All **With the help of God we will.**

The Bishop Will you seek to be 'good news people', sharing the good news
 of Jesus Christ with compassion and conviction, always
 prepared to give a reason for the hope that is in you?

All **With the help of God we will.**

O God, you prepare an everlasting dwelling
a place for your majesty.
Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit
those who serve you in this region may always
be kept within your presence.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you,
and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Here and now we're bound together:
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.**

**Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your church on sure foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.**

**In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play
as we live the Great Commission
joyful in the world today.**

Words Ally Barratt (b. 1975)

Music: ABBOTS LEIGH Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) (NEH 185)

The Dean

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Final (*from* Symphonie No. 1)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)