

Sung Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 5th May 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 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.

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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 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

Today, we continue our observance of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This is a single period of festival with the tone of joy created at Easter sustained through the following seven weeks aa the church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Here at Ripon Cathedral, we lit the Easter Candle at Easter it remains, standing prominently in the Cathedral for all services in this Easter season. The tone of celebration is maintained by the use of the word "Alleluia", (often translated praise the Lord), which appears frequently in all Easter services both in the Liturgy and in the music. Similarly, the clergy wear their white or gold vestments and the flowers emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day of Easter the church celebrates Christ's ascension. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work and he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them when he is no longer among them in his flesh. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes the 50-day Easter festival.

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 Girl Choristers, Choral Scholars and Lay Clerks of the Cathedral choir to the *Missa brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina* (c. 1525-1594).

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

The flower display is kindly provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild.

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The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Please stand.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

NEH 408 WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) MUSIC: BLAENWERN William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

The Greeting

President *All*

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

Amen.

President

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

AIIAlmighty 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 Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil

and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

President Like Mary at the empty tomb,

we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

AIILord, have mercy.

President Like the disciples behind locked doors,

we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. AII

President Like Thomas in the upper room,

we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

AIILord, 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.

A//Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. 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.

Domine Fili unigenite, lesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. 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.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. 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

Let us pray.

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,

so by his continual presence in us

he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

A// Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10.44-48

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

A// Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

NEH 137

Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena (d.1434) tr. R. F. Littledale (1833-1890) Music: DOWN AMPNEY R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Gospel

Please remain standing and turn to face the deacon reading the Gospel. The choir sings the following and the congregation repeat it.



Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

John 15.9-17

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

The 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.

Prayers of Intercession

President With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

Please sit.

This response is 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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you. Alleluia!

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. If you wish to give by a credit / debit card, please look out for the terminals that are available.

Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with all, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again; love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of the Lord, better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark' sharing his last passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve;
love, only love, is his mark. *Richer than gold...*

Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, 'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign. *Richer than gold...*

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news. *Richer than gold...*

Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, sisters and brothers, parents and kin' Love, only love, is his name. *Richer than gold...*

Love is his name, love is his law, hear his command, all who are his:

'Love one another: I have loved you.'

Love, only love, is his law. Richer than gold...

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one;
love, only love, is his word. *Richer than gold...*

A&M 454 Words: Luke Connaughton (1917-1979) Music: CRESSWELL Anthony Milner (1925-2002)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread

may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,

that we may bring light to your world.

A// Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you 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.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts

the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell,

and restored in men and women

the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation

sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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. heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Benedictus may also be sung.

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

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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

A/I

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

President

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,

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

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the administrant. 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.

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

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind: from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood; give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food.

Words: Latin 14th cent. Music: E. Elgar (1857-1934)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

A// **Amen.**

Notices

Banns of Marriage are read, and Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A// He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

President God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

A// Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone; O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

NEH 420 Words: John Bode (1816-1874) Music: WOLVERCOTE W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

Deacon All Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in F (BuxWV 156)

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

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