



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist
with a collection of toys

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8th December 2024

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. 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 Canon Wendy Wilby, Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral and Canon Emeritus of Bristol Cathedral.

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. They sing the *Missa brevis* by *Giovanni da Pierluigi Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)*.

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Children's Church, which usually takes place during this service, is suspended this week as the children stay with the adults for the service. Canvas mats with quiet toys are available for young ones. Please ask those who welcomed you for directions.

Safeguarding

Ripon Cathedral is committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the clergy. You can also contact the Safeguarding Team on 0113 353 0257.

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Words of welcome are given by 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:

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

Journey ends: where afar Bethle'm shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

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 We think of the things we have said and done which have
separated us from God, our neighbour and ourselves.

President God our Father, we don't always worship you, as our Creator,
and we forget our relationship with you.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, we take for granted the things we have,
that make life easier and more enjoyable,
and we do not always share with others.
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 *Kyrie eleison,* Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. 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 second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation,
by the forgiveness of their sins. *[Response]*

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break before us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *[Response]*

Luke 1.68-79

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 Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Luke 3.1-6

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

President

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

Please sit.

This response is used after each petition:

Intercessor
All

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Intercessor
All

Merciful Father,
**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, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory Hymn

**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: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr. John Chandler (1808-1876)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW Musicalisches Hand Buch Hamburg

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.**

Adult Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Child Listen, and we will hear.

President Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your 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 thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Adult

Why do we share this bread and wine?

Child

Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Adult

How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Child

Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Wilfrid and all the saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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

Ave verum Corpus natum ex Maria
Virgine vere passum immolatum in
cruce pro homine. Cujus latus
perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto
nobis praegustatum in mortis
examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis
Jesu fili Mariae.

*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. O gentle, holy Jesus, Son of
Mary.*

*Words: Anonymous 14th cent.
Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Take up the song, and sing the praise of God
who gave the world its mighty lands and seas,
then formed the fish and creatures of the earth;
our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!**

**Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
who gave the power of choice to humankind,
that we might rule the earth through servanthood,
and so find joy in all that God designed.**

**Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
proclaim to all the open mystery
that Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin,
was raised by God to reign in Trinity.**

**Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
with music make both earth and heaven ring,
for God is good and loves all he has made,
so now to him all thanks and praises bring!**

AM 568

Words: Rae E. Whitney (1927-2023)

Music: WOODLANDS Walter Creatorex (1877-1949)

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'Veni, Emmanuel'

Ernest Halsey (1876-1939)



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Organ Works on
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by *Hugo Distler (1908-1942)*



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