

RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 22nd December 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. 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 Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

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

The service is sung by lay clerks of the cathedral choir and the setting is the *Missa brevis* by Guy Turner (*b. 1955*).

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Children's church is for primary school aged 6 and above. Little Children's Church for babies and small children. The older group meets in the rooms beneath the Chapter House and the younger ones in the Library. 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.

Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

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.

The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honour all unstained,
the banners there of virtue glow,
God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from that chamber goeth he,
that royal home of purity,
a giant in twofold substance one,
rejoicing now his course to run.

From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.

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 19ii

Words: St Ambrose (c. 337-397) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR adapted by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

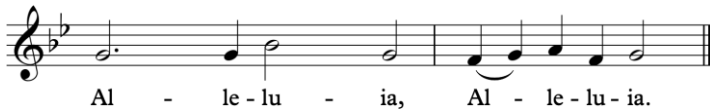
Micah 5.2-5a

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

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.**

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Luke 1.39-45

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

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 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

A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the infant
with virgin-honour pure.
Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'

The word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky.

While thus they sing your Monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans clap your hands.

Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the infant born in Bethl'em,
the Saviour and the Lord.

And idol forms shall perish,
and error shall decay,
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,
our Lord and God for ay.

NEH 21

Words: Greek St Germanus (634-734) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN German Carol melody

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.**

President It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation
of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing.

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

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
A//

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.

A//

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.

All **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

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

The choir sing the Magnificat in traditional language.

Words: Luke 1.46-55

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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

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.**

Recessional Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

NEH 186
Words Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-2024) after Luke 1.46-55
Music: WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary

Versets sur 'Ave maris stella' (*from Vêpres du commun, Op. 18*)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

After the service, please join us in the south transept for a coffee, tea or juice.

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Services later today and this week

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

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Cathedral supporting the Parishes Michelle Dearlove and Nina Harrison are leading worship at Littlethorpe this morning

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday to Saturday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Christmas Eve	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
	11.00am	Journey to Bethlehem	
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
	11.00pm	Festal Eucharist	President: The Dean Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion	President & Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne
	9.30am	Matins	
	10.30am	Festal Eucharist	President & Preacher: The Dean
	12.30pm	Holy Communion	President: Canon Wendy Wilby
	3.30pm	Evening Prayer	
Boxing Day	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by a Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey, which leaves at 10.15am President & Preacher: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham	
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Revd Canon Matthew Peat
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne

Worship Next Sunday, 29th December, First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Eucharist (1662) *President & Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President: Venerable Clive Mansell
Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

12.30pm Eucharist (1662) *President: Reverend Cliff Bowman*

3.30pm Evening Prayer



Dean John and Nicola invite you for sherry and mince pies following the 10.30am Sung Eucharist and before the 12.30 Eucharist. Served in the South Transept





Christmas & New Year Special Services

Festival of Lessons and Carols

23rd & 24th December

5.30pm

Christmas Eve

11.00am Journey to

Bethlehem

11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Eucharist

Boxing Day

9.30am St Stephen's Day

Eucharist

10.15am Pilgrimage to

Fountains Abbey

New Year's Eve

Watchnight 11.15pm

Sunday 5th January 10.30am

Festal Eucharist for Epiphany

Saturday 1st February 5.30pm

Festal Eucharist for Candlemas
with candlelit procession

All Welcome

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CANDLEMAS FESTAL EUCHARIST AND PROCESSION

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
5.30pm

The Annual Service to celebrate the Presentation
of the infant Jesus in the Temple

Over 7000 candles set out in glorious designs will
illuminate the Cathedral



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