



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 29th 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.

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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, 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.

For many, the Christmas season is celebrated for twelve days, ending at Epiphany. Contemporary use has sought to express an alternative tradition, in which Christmas lasts a full forty days ending with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on 2 February. For Christmas is much more than the celebration of Jesus's birth, and the Liturgy over these forty days seeks to help worshippers to recall the central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

About this service

The President is The Ven Clive Mansell, Capitular Canon of Ripon Cathedral and former Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

The Preacher is The Canon Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The organist is the Director of Music, Dr Ronny Krippner.

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

There is no children's church today. It begins again next Sunday.

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The Gathering

Processional Hymn

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim worship night and day,
a breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him, whom Angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and Archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the air:
but only his mother in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Belovèd with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

NEH 28

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: CRANHAM Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **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 Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

 ‘You shall call his name Jesus,
 for he will save his people from their sins.’
 Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
 through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

President God our Father,
 you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
 forgive our failure to receive him.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Jesus our Saviour,
 you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
 forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
 Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Spirit of Love,
 your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
 forgive the hardness of our hearts.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President God, who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
peace to all your people through the earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Alleluia to our heavenly king.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour. High and holy one.
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

*Words Christopher Idle (b. 1938)
Music: EVELYNS W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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 first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hym

**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.**

**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. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)
Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR ADAPTED FROM Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

The Gospel

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

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2.41-52

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

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 In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please sit.

Intercessor We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.
In a world of change and hope, of fear and adventure,
faithful God

All **glorify your name.**

Intercessor In the common life of our, city, region, diocese and nation
in prosperity and need,
faithful God

All **glorify your name.**

Intercessor As your Church proclaims your goodness in words and action,
faithful God

All **glorify your name.**

Intercessor Among our friends and in our homes,
faithful God

All **glorify your name.**

Intercessor In our strengths and triumphs, in our weakness and struggles,
faithful God

All **glorify your name.**

Please stand.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

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 upon it.

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the new credit / debit card terminals that will also be passed around.

**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. Neal (1818-1866)

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

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President
A//

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

President
A//

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

President
A//

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

President

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
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:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord
In power and wisdom forever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love:
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he,
Whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;
Who comes in the name of the Father of light?
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Music: SLANE Trad. Irish tune

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
All

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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.

Amen.

All
Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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.**

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sins away,
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray
have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release,
Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

Music: REPTON C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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.

Prayer after Communion

President Heavenly Father,
 whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
 the life of an earthly home:
 help your Church to live as one family,
 united in love and obedience,
 and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

President Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
 things earthly and heavenly,
 fill you with peace and goodwill
 and make you partakers of the divine nature;
 and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 be among you and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

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: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

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

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary