

Festal Eucharist

Candlemas

Sunday 2nd February 2025 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.

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.

Today we gather together to continue celebrating Candlemas in this Eucharist. Last evening it was a wonderful spectacle as we processed round the cathedral gazing at thousands of candles. Today we focus a little more on Simeon's final words in the Gospel reading and our attention moves away from the celebration of the 40 days of Christmas and Epiphany, towards the mysteries of Easter. To mark this moment at the end of the service, we process the cross to the west doors. We all turn to face this symbol of our salvation:

"Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion."

The President is The Canon Chancellor, The Revd Canon Matthew Pollard.

The Preacher is The Dean, The Very Revd John Dobson, DL.

The service is sung by the boy choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the Cathedral choir to the *Spatzenmesse* ("Sparrow Mass", K. 220) by *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756-1791).

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

The flowers are provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild.

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.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth: before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest: the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever; that name to us is Love.

NFH 55

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) after Psalm 72 Music: CRÜGER adapted by William Henry Monk (1823-1889) from a chorale by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

The Greeting

President *All*

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Dear friends.

forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which

he was presented in the Temple,

when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth, and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae
voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus
te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, Suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum sancto spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen. 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.

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.

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.

Collect

President Let us pray.

The Collect is said after a period of silent prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God,

clothed in majesty,

whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,

in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you

with pure and clean hearts,

by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3. 1-4

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

A// Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Faithful vigil ended, watching, waiting cease; Master, grant thy servant his discharge in peace.

All thy Spirit promised, all the Father willed; now these eyes behold it perfectly fulfilled. This thy great deliverance sets thy people free; Christ, their light, uplifted all the nations see.

Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting, cease:
Grant to us thy servants
our discharge in peace.

NEH 44ii (or t. 282) Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024 Music: PASTOR PASTORUM Friedrich Silcher (1789-1860)

The Gospel

President Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our

mortal nature.

A// Alleluia!

President Today Mary comes to be purified in accordance with the law.

Alleluia!

President Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations

and the glory of Israel.

Alleluia! Praise to Christ, the Light of the world!

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

All Glory to you O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2. 22-40

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

The organist improvises as the Gospel Party returns.

Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

The Creed

President Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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	Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.
Intercessor All	Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.
Intercessor All	Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world: Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.
Intercessor All	Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

in whom faithful servants find their peace: Look in mercy on the departed, who see your salvation.

Father, your Christ is the one

Intercessor

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Intercessor Father, your Christ

is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:

All Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Intercessor Lord God,

you kept faith with Simeon and Anna and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A// Amen.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God

the dayspring from on high has broken 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.

The light and peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Light and Peace.

We exchange warm greetings with those close to 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. Please look out for the new credit / debit card terminals that are also available.

Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his temple gate, not with his angel host, not in his kingly state: no shouts proclaim him nigh, no crowds his coming wait.

But borne upon the throne of Mary's gentle breast, watched by her duteous love, in her fond arms at rest; thus to his Father's house he comes, the heavenly quest.

There Joseph at her side in reverent wonder stands; and, filled with holy joy, old Simeon in his hands takes up the promised Child, the glory of all lands.

Hail to the great First-born whose ransom-price they pay! the Son before all worlds, the Child of man to-day, that he might ransom us who still in bondage lay.

O Light of all the earth, thy children wait for thee! come to thy temples here, that we, from sin set free, before thy Father's face may all presented be!

> NEH 157 (t. 473ii) Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: LAUDES DOMINI Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you and also with you.

All 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.

It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity. For on this day he appeared in the Temple in substance of our flesh

to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations

while Anna spoke of him

to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross

and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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.

A// **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Believing the promises of God,

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

We break the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us,

bring us to light and life.

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 Holy 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

O nata lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis. O Light born of light, Jesus Redeemer of the world: deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises

of those who kneel before you.

You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost: make us members of your blessed body.

Words: Office Hymn at Lauds of the Feast of the Transfiguration, 10th century Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Prayer after Communion

President Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,

who lived to welcome the Messiah:

may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,

prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes

to bring us to eternal life;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Notices

Recessional Hymn

During the final hymn the Cross leads the choir and sacred ministers to the west doors and the congregation turns to face them.

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: BLAENIWERN William Penfro Powlands (1860-1937)

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The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, who was wounded for our sins,

that you may bear in your life the love and joy and peace which are the marks of Jesus in his disciples and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and

remain with you now and always.

A// Amen.

Final Responsory

President Father, here we bring to an end our celebration

of the Saviour's birth.

A// Help us, in whom he has been born,

to live his life that has no end.

President Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

A// Help us, who have received the bread of life,

to be thankful for your gift.

President Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

A// Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,

to trust in your eternal promises.

President Here we stand near the place of baptism.

All Help us, who are marked with the cross,

to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

President Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

All Help us, for whom Lent is near,

to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

President Here we bless one another in your name.

All Help us, who now go in peace,

to shine with your light in the world.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (Op. 122, No. 11)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

12.30pm Holy Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Ailsa Newby*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am
Evening Prayer: Monday, Friday & Saturday 5.30pm
Choral Evensong: Tuesday to Thursday 5.30pm

Monday The Fucharist President: Reverend Cliff Bowman 9.00am Tuesday The Fucharist President: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham 9.00am 12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Myra Shackley Wednesday 10.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Matthew Pollard 9.00am Thursday The Eucharist President: Canon Wendy Wilby

Friday 9.00am The Eucharist President: The Dean

12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Lynn Thorius
Saturday 12noon The Eucharist President: Canon Matthew Pollard

Worship Next Sunday, 9th February, Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist (1662) President & Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard

9.30am Morning Prayer in the Chapel of the Resurrection
10.30am Sung Eucharist President; Reverend Cliff Bowman
Preacher: Venerable Clive Mansell

12.30pm Eucharist (1662) President: Canon Matthew Pollard

3.30pm Evensong

Forthcoming events

Thursday 6th February 1.00pm Concert, Elizabeth Charlesworth, Soprano *acc.* Jonathan Bickley *Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.*

Taize in Ripon

On Sunday 30th March at 6.30pm, the Cathedral Music Group will be helping to lead the singing in a Taize service run by Churches Together. This will be held at St. John's Bondgate.

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday Solemn Eucharist with the imposition of Ash said at 10.00am and sung at 7.30pm



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Alexander Kyle

Alastair Stone

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Organ

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Elizabeth Charlesworth

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Salus T

Soprano

Vocal ensemble

Flute,

Recorder, Guitar

Flute & Violin

6th March

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27th March

3rd April

Duo Dolce

Students from Leeds University

Chanticleer

Prima Musica Students

David Ratnanayagam

Choir

Organ

1.00-1.50; Refreshments served from 12.30 Free admission; retiring collection

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