



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 23rd March 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 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 continue our journey through Lent.

Since the early days of the faith, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of Jesus' passion and resurrection at Easter. They have prepared for this celebration with a season of penitence and fasting lasting 40 days.

By carefully keeping Lent, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and devotion to Jesus.

You are invited to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word. There are many opportunities to do this at the Cathedral, please pick up a copy of our Lent leaflet which outlines all that is on offer to help us grow in faith.

About this service

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

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

The service is sung by the girl choristers, choral scholars and the lay clerks of the cathedral choir. The Mass setting is *Missa brevis in D (K. 194)* by *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*.

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 The Canon Chancellor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall. *NEH 3:33*

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: MICHAEL Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgression in penitence and faith.

President We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Choir	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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.**

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Let us pray.
 Almighty God,
 whose most dear Son went not up to joy
 but first he suffered pain,
 and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
 mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
 may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
 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.
All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55.1-9

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

Please remain seated.

Gradual Psalm

*The response is sung by the choir and then repeated by the congregation.
It is then sung by all after each pair of verses as shown.*



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water;
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **R**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Psalm 63. 1-9

The Gospel

Please stand and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.

The choir sings and then all repeat:



Cantor The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his
voice. Harden not your hearts.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

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

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

Luke 13.1-9

Deacon 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 Affirmation of Faith

President Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

President Let us pray for the saving power of God
 in the Church and the world.

Please sit.

This response is used after each petition:

Intercessor Lord of compassion,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

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 Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has given us access to his grace.

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 on it.

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn. Please look out for the credit / debit card terminals that are also available.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

NEH 339

Words: Irish, c. 8th cent. tr. Mary Byrne (1880–1931)

Music: SLANE trad Irish melody

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President
All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

President
All

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

President
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world,
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.*

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon

All

Christ is the bread of life:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Wilfrid,
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Trusting in the compassion 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

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

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
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.*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words: Collect for the third Sunday of Epiphany
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

Prayer after Communion

President

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President	Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you now and always.
All	Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he has made.**

**Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious,
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!**

**Worship, honour, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer to thy name;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
join their Saviour to proclaim.
As the saints in heaven adore thee,
we would bow before thy throne;
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.**

NEH 437

Words: Psalm 148 Foundling Hospital Collection 1796, v. 3 Edward Osler (1798-1863)

Music: AUSTRIA F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary

Prélude (from Symphonie No. 1)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

After the service, please join us in the south transept for refreshments.

***If you are relatively new to the congregation, please complete one of the
'Welcome' cards so that we can arrange to get to know you better and
offer you the chance to join in the Cathedral's mission and ministry.***

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Worship later today

12.30pm Holy Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Matthew Pollard*

3.30pm Evensong

Responses *Smith* Hymns: 353; 408 Psalms: 12, 13
Setting *Blair* in B minor
Anthem When David heard *Weelkes*

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday & Saturday 5.30pm

Festal Evensong: Tuesday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Wednesday to Friday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Paul Spurgeon
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Clive Mansell
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Rt Revd Clive Handford
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Peat
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Myra Shackley

Worship Next Sunday, 30th March, 4th Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President: Reverend Cliff Bowman*
Preacher: Michelle Dearlove, Cathedral Reader

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President: The Dean*
Preacher: Canon Wendy Wilby

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) *President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg*

3.30pm Evensong *Preacher: Reverend Rebecca Mathen,*
Assistant Curate, Little Horton (Benefice), Bradford Episcopal Area

Forthcoming events

Thursday 27th March 1.00pm Concert, Prima Musica Students *Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.*

Saturday 29th March Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair 10.00am-4.00pm

Get ready to indulge in a delightful celebration of all things spring in the Cathedral.

For more information: www.riponcathedral.org.uk/events/spring-fair-2025/

Sunday 30th March 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend a Taize Service at St John's, Bondgate at This is organised by Churches Together in Ripon and our own Cathedral Music Group will be leading the singing.

Sunday 6th April 3.30pm Evensong with Collation & Installation of Reverend Wendy Dalrymple as Residentiary Canon, Canon Dr James Theodosius as Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven and Reverend Dr Sue McWhinney as Honorary Canon. All welcome

NEW PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year the Cathedral has to prepare an entirely new Electoral Roll. There is no automatic transfer of names for those who are on the existing roll. You will need to fill out a new application form if you wish your name to be included on the new roll.

Blank copies of the application form (green for the new roll) are available in the Cathedral, near the notice board in the South Transept. Unfortunately we are unable to complete the new Electoral Roll entirely electronically. If you have supplied us with an email address you may request a form to be sent to you by email. The form must, however, be printed, signed and scanned to return to us electronically.

Please return all forms by **Thursday 24 April**. You may return completed forms to the box provided next to the notice board in the Cathedral, or to Ripon Cathedral Offices, Liberty Courthouse, Minster Road, Ripon. HG4 1QS.

If you require any help, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Heather Powling, heatherp0580@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 13th April

10.10am Procession from Market Place

10.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Service including Maunday's
Olivet to Calvary

Monday – Wednesday 7.30pm

Sung Compline with address by the Bishop of Ripon

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist and Watch until Midnight

Good Friday

10.30am Journey to Jerusalem

12 noon Preaching of the Cross

1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

7.30pm Easter Eve Vigil

All Welcome

Find all services at www.riponcathedral.org.uk