



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th 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.

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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 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 on this Mothering Sunday. Our special love and greetings to all mothers and mother-figures today and for all the life and love and protection you bring.

Historically, this was the day people made a special pilgrimage to their Mother Church to give thanks for word and sacraments that nourish the children of God. Later, children and young people living away from home would visit their mother on this day bearing gifts and flowers.

Today, many take the opportunity to thank and appreciate mothers and those who have mothered us.

During this service, the children will be invited to distribute daffodils to their mothers and other adults. If you would like to leave your daffodils in memory of your own mother or other carer who has died, you are invited, after the service, to place the flowers on the High Altar. If you write their name on the list you will find there, the clergy will pray for them at Monday morning prayer.

About this Service

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

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

The service is sung by the boy choristers, alto, tenor and bass choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir. The Mass setting is *Messe solennelle* by Jean Langlais (1907-1991).

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Today the children stay with those who have brought them in the main body of the cathedral. Please do come down to the chairs closer to the altar if you would like Children's own activities resume next Sunday Activity packs are available at the main door.

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 The Canon Precentor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

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: BLAENWERN William Rowlands (1860-1937)

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.

Lighting of candles

President We light five candles as signs of praise and
thankfulness to the God who protects us.

Protecting God, we light this candle, in recognition
of the great care and love you have for each one of us.
All **Protecting God, we praise and thank you.**

President Protecting God, we light this candle, in thanksgiving
for all mothers. For all they do, or once did, for all they give, or
once gave, and for all they mean and will always mean.
All **Protecting God, we praise and thank you.**

President Protecting God, we light this candle,
for all families throughout this world,
especially those separated and fearful as a result of conflict.
All **Protecting God, we praise and thank you.**

President Protecting God, we light this candle,
for the family of the Church, here and everywhere.
All **Protecting God, we praise and thank you.**

President Protecting God, we light this candle,
for all who look after and encourage others.
All **Protecting God, we praise and thank you.**

Prayer of Penitence

Deacon The candles will burn throughout our service to remind us of God's nurturing love that never goes out and the light it brings to the world. Jesus said, Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

President You God, like a mother, gave us life, We are sorry for the times we have spoilt it by hurting each other with our words or actions, by hurting ourselves with our selfish thoughts.

God our Maker,

All **we are sorry.**

President You God, like a mother, give us food, we are sorry for the times we have spoilt it by hurting each other with our greed, by hurting your earth with our selfishness

God our provider,

All **we are sorry.**

President You God, like a mother, teach us, we are sorry for the times we have spoilt it, by not listening to you, by not sharing your love. God our Teacher,

All **we are sorry.**

President You God, like a mother, love us, we are sorry for the times we have spoilt it by turning away from each other, by turning away from you.

God of loving,

All **we are sorry.**

Choir Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Forgiveness

President God who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.
 God of love,
 passionate and strong, tender and careful,
 watch over us and hold us all the days of our life,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**For those who gave us life and breath,
for love that's stronger far than death,
today we bring our thankful hearts,
for all a mothering love imparts.**

**For kindness, patience, warmth and care,
for each embrace, each smile, each tear,
each word of peace, each healing touch,
these simple gifts which mean so much.**

We look to you, our mothering Lord,
who shows love's cost, and love's reward,
your passion fiercer than the grave,
nailed to the world you came to save.

So teach your people how to live,
how to endure, how to forgive,
teach us to trust, to sacrifice,
to share the love that has no price.

Words Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Music: O WALY WALY Somerset folk song collected by Colin Sharp (1859-1924) (AM 165)

The Gospel

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

The choir sings and all repeat:



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo - ry.

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.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19.25b-27

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The organist improvises as the gospel party returns.

The choristers process to the front rows of the nave.

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 **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

President God of all, in prayer, we bring you our concerns.

Voice 1 We bring our concerns for ourselves and those we love;
and concerns for the world and our sisters and brothers
in the world-wide family to which we all belong.
God of love,

All **hear our prayer.**

Voice 2 We pray for all the children in the world:
that they may feel affirmed and listened to;
we pray for those who are without parents
or anyone to care for them;
and especially for those who live in areas
where daily life is difficult due to war, famine or disease.
God of love,

All **hear our prayer.**

Voice 3 We pray for all families:
for mothers or fathers who have to cope
with bringing up children alone;
for families under strain – poor, homeless or unable to cope;
and for parents whose children have died
or who are separated from them.
God of love,

All **hear our prayer.**

Voice 4 We pray for those who long for children
 but for whom this is not possible.
 May God strengthen and affirm all whose lives
 take a path different from the one they expected and let them
 know they are loved and needed by others.
 God of love,
 All **hear our prayer.**

Voice 5 We pray for the family of the Church:
 for all who work for the building up of God's Kingdom
 and for all in the Church
 who nurture other people and reflect God's love,
 especially, in this cathedral,
 everyone involved in Children's Church, and Little Children's Church;
 for our choristers and all who work with them.
 God of love,
 All **hear our prayer.**

President Lord of the Church,
 All **hear our prayer,
 and make us one in heart and mind
 to serve you with joy for ever.
 Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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.

The now choristers return to their places.

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.

Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.

What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.

How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth.
The Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.

Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer
that every child be given
such tenderness and care.
Where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!

AM 138

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: ELLACOMBE German melody as adapted in Gesangbuch Mainz 1833

Please remain standing.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President As the grain once scattered in the fields
 and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
 are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
 so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
 from the corners of the earth in your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **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.**

President Blessed are you, Lord God,
 our light and our salvation;
 to you be glory and praise for ever.
 From the beginning you have created all things
 and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
 In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
 the crown of all creation.
 You give us breath and speech,
 that with angels and archangels
 and all the powers of heaven
 we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might,</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>heaven and earth are full of your</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the</i>
Domini Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>name of the Lord. Hosanna in the</i>
	<i>highest.</i>

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

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.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Wilfrid and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All

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

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Words: Psalm 34.8
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

Prayer after Communion

President Loving God,
 as a mother feeds her children at the breast
 you feed us in this sacrament
 with the food and drink of eternal life:
 help us who have tasted your goodness
 to grow in grace within the household of faith;
 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 Distribution of flowers

After the following verses and responses, the children are invited to distribute the daffodils. As mentioned in the introduction, if you would like to honour the memory of your own mother or other carer who has died, then please, place the flowers on the High Altar after the service. Names added to the list there will be mentioned in prayer at morning prayer on Monday.

President	Praise God who loves us.
<i>All</i>	Praise God who cares.
President	For the care and protection of mothers,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.
President	For their patience when tested,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.
President	For their love when tired,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.
President	For their hope when despairing,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.
President	For their service without limit,
<i>All</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President	God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you: God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you: God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you. Almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
<i>All</i>	Amen.

Recessional Hymn

**Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done,
 in whom his world rejoices;
 who from our mother's arms
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours to-day.**

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

NEH 413

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: NUN DANKET from Johann Crüger's Praxis pietatis melica c. 1647

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia & Ground Bass

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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.

Worship this week

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

3.30pm **Evensong**

Responses *Reading* Hymns: 334; 368 Psalm: 32

Setting *Short Service Gibbons*

Anthem *Hear my prayer Mendelssohn*

Preacher Revd Rebecca Mathen, Asst Curate Little Horton (Benefice) Bradford EA

Cathedral supporting the Parishes Michelle Dearlove, Cathedral Reader is leading worship at Littlethorpe this morning.

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday & Saturday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Tuesday to Friday 5.30pm

Monday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Reverend Cliff Bowman

Tuesday 9.00am The Eucharist President: The Dean

12noon The Eucharist President: Canon Wendy Wilby

Wednesday 10.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Michael Gisbourne

Thursday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Ailsa Newby

Friday 9.00am The Eucharist President: Canon Matthew Pollard

12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Lynn Thorius

Saturday 12noon The Eucharist President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg

Worship Next Sunday, 6th April, Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion

Sunday

8.00am **Eucharist (BCP)** *President & Preacher: The Dean*

9.30am **Morning Prayer**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** *President: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

Preacher: Venerable Cat Thatcher, Archdeacon of Pontefract

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

3.30pm **Evensong with the Collation & Installation of the Canon**

Pastor, Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven & Honorary

Canon Preacher: The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Forthcoming events

This evening at 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.

Thursday 3rd April 1.00pm Concert, David Ratnanayagam, Organ

Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Sunday 13th April – we begin Holy Week with a performance in worship of J. H. Maunder's *From Olivet to Calvary* at 5.30pm.

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

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