

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Easter Day Festal Eucharist



Sunday 20th April 2025

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 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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Happy Easter!

A very warm welcome to Ripon Cathedral as, with Christians all around the world, we join in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Easter is the foundation of our faith, the feast that tells again the story of the empty tomb and the disciples' early encounters with their risen Lord. Easter asserts that once and for all, Jesus overcame the powers of sin and death and so gives hope and the promise of life to people in every generation.

It is remarkable to think that people have celebrated Christ's resurrection on this site for over thirteen hundred years. It is clear to see that we come into a Cathedral that has been decorated for this celebration in the most wonderful way. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has helped to prepare this ancient church for Easter, not least the flower arrangers and those who have prepared the spectacular Easter Garden.

For those who do not worship regularly at the Cathedral, please can I encourage you to come back and join us again? The Cathedral has a growing congregation (including online) and details of our Sunday and daily services can be found in the bi-monthly Newsletter and on the website.

I hope that you enjoy celebrating Easter with us this morning. You will see the new Paschal Candle is already burning. We are fortunate that it has been especially prepared for us, and it is well worth admiring for its artistry. It was lit for the first time at the special service yesterday evening. It now burns brightly, as it will in baptisms and funerals throughout the year, reminding us of the hope we have been given, thanks to the undying faithfulness and love of God.

Once again, I wish you a very happy Easter!

Dean John

About this service

The President is the Bishop of Ripon, The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham.

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

The service is sung by the cathedral choir and the Communion setting is the *Messe* by *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*.

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

The flower display is kindly provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild.

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Today there are children's activities in one of the chapels. Please meet by the grand wooden staircase on the South side of the Cathedral. Please bring children during the first hymn. There you will be welcomed by members of our Children's Church team who will register the children for storytelling and crafts. Please collect your child from the bottom of the library steps at the Peace.

Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The choir sings an Introit.

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:
*had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

NEH 121

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE from David's Psalmen Amsterdam, 1685

Please stand.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

**Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! for us he died;
then alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia!**

**Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!**

NEH 112

Words: Christian Gellert (1715-1769) tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Music: ST ALBINUS H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

The organist improvises as the altar is censed.

The Greeting

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The President introduces the service.

President This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex
cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

*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.*

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui
sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere
nobis.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria
Dei Patris. Amen.

*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.*

The Collect

President Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we,
being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

All

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10.34-43

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

NEH 110

Words: Lyra Davidica 1708

Music: EASTER HYMN, Adapted from a melody in 'Lyra Davidica'

The Gospel

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

The choir sings the following and the congregation repeat it.



Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered Jesus’ words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24. 1-12

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

The Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

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 joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

Please sit.

Intercessor That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection;
for Nicholas our Bishop and all Area Bishops,
John our Dean
and for this Cathedral and the Diocese
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the peace of the Risen Christ may fill every human heart
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
and all who suffer
to comfort and strengthen them
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That, according to his promises.
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day
we pray to the Father.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son;
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
 and said, 'Peace be with you.'
 Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
 Alleluia!

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you. Alleluia!

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

The collection is taken during this hymn.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

NEH 103

WORDS: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

MUSIC: LUX EOI Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

The elements and the people are censed.

The organist improvises until the censing is complete.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President	Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.
All	Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
A// **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
A// **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
A// **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might. Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness:
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Deacon

All

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.

All

Amen.

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory:

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

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*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 administrant.*

During communion the choir sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Miserere nobis,

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, Have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
Dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, Grant us peace.*

Motet

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Words: J. M. C. Crum (1872-1958)

Music: Old French melody arr. Simon Lindley (1948-2025)

The following hymn may also be sung.

Communion Hymn

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.**

Alleluia,

Jesu, true and living Bread!

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.**

Alleluia,

Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there then angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia,

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia,

Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,

Alleluia,

Risen, ascended, glorified!

NEH 296

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

Music: ST HELEN G. C. Martin (1844-1916)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love,
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ:
continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.

All

Amen.

Notices

Banns of Marriage are read and notices may be given, after which please stand.

The Dismissal

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

President God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

NEH 120

Words: French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932) tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music: MACCABAEUS G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

President Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in B (Op. 7, No. 1)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Services this week

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

3.30pm Festal Evensong

Responses	<i>Rose</i>	Hymns: 101ii, 107	Psalm: 150
Setting	<i>Stanford in C</i>		
Anthem	Rejoice in the Lamb	<i>Britten</i>	

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday to Friday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Saturday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Richard Seed
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Cliff Bowman
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Peat
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Myra Shackley

Worship Next Sunday, 27th April, Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*

9.30am Morning Prayer

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

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

3.30pm Evensong

Forthcoming events

Thursday 1st May 1.00pm Concert, Louise Wayman, Soprano *Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.*

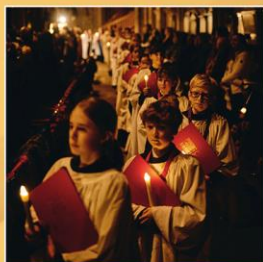
Thursday 8th May 7.15pm VE Day Proms – 80th Anniversary Celebration in Ripon Cathedral. Tickets £15 available from the Cathedral Shop, Stuff 4 Offices and The Wakeman Café

Nominations for Churchwardens and Church Growth Committee Members

We invite nominations for the Churchwardens and Church Growth Committee Members. Nomination forms available by the Parish Noticeboard or contact the Cathedral Office 01765 604362. *Please return completed forms to the Cathedral Office.*



What does *music* mean to you?




*Music enriches
music engages
music inspires*

*Music is love
music is joy
music is
sanctuary*



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