



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 4th May 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 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

Today, we continue our observance of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This is a single period of festival with the tone of joy created at Easter sustained through the following seven weeks and the church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Here at Ripon Cathedral, we lit the Easter Candle at Easter and it remains, standing prominently in the Cathedral for all services in this Easter season. The tone of celebration is maintained by the use of the word “Alleluia”, (often translated praise the Lord), which appears frequently in all Easter services both in the Liturgy and in the music. Similarly, the clergy wear their white or gold vestments and the flowers emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day of Easter the church has, from the fourth century, celebrated Christ’s ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work and he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the 50-day Easter festival.

About this service

The President is The Canon Pastor, The Revd Canon Wendy Dalrymple.

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

The service is sung by Girl Choristers, Choral scholars and Lay Clerks of the cathedral choir, to the *Communion Service in B flat* by *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*.

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

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 by The Dean.

Please stand as the introduction to the hymn is played.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
make all men know he is your choice: Alleluia!**

**The first apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful men and true,
sharing a faith for ever new: Alleluia!**

**Then magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days: Alleluia!**

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then: Alleluia!**

**Christ through all ages is the same;
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim: Alleluia!**

**Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
in service to the Lord of light: Alleluia!**

NEH 345

WORDS: George Bell (1883-1958)

MUSIC: VULPIUS (GELOBT SEI GOTT) Melchoir Vulpius Gesangbuch 1609

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
All and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
 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 Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.
cf Romans 6. 10

President Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Let us pray:
Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Acts 9. 1-6

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**We sing the glorious conquest
before Damascus' gate,
when Saul, the Church's spoiler,
came breathing threats and hate;
the ravening wolf rushed forward
full early to the prey;
but lo! the Shepherd met him,
and bound him fast to-day!**

**O glory most excelling
that smote across his path!
O light that pierced and blinded
the zealot in his wrath!
O voice that spake within him
the calm reproving word!
O love that sought and held him,
the bondman of his Lord!**

O Wisdom, ordering all things
in order strong and sweet,
what nobler spoil was ever
cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
e'er wrought at thine employ,
than he, till now so furious
thy building to destroy?

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
still in her darkest hour
of weakness and of danger,
to trust thy hidden power:
thy grace by ways mysterious
the wrath of man can bind,
and in thy boldest foeman
thy chosen saint can find.

NEH 155

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: ELLACOMBE Mainz Gesangbuch 1833 (t. 117)

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.

A// **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
A// **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so

many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

John 21.1-19

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
A// **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 With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

Please sit.

This response is used after each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

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 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. Please look out for the credit / debit card terminals.

To the name that brings salvation
praise and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but to every tongue and nation
Holy Church proclaims today.

Jesus—be that name our treasure,
name beyond that words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness, passing measure,
freeing souls from sin's dark spell.

Name that calls for adoration,
name that speaks of victory,
name for grateful meditation
in the vale of misery,
name for loving veneration
by the citizens on high.

Name that whosoever preaches
makes sweet music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches
finds divinest comfort near;
joyful then the heart that reaches
to embrace that name so dear.

Name by hard-won right exalted
over every other name;
and when man was sore assaulted
put the enemy to shame:
strength to them that else had halted,
sight to blind, and health to lame.

Jesu, we thy name adoring,
long to see thee as thou art:
of thy clemency imploring
so to write it in our heart,
that hereafter, upward soaring,
we with angels may have part.

Where thou reignest with the Father,
thou the everlasting Son,
where with the eternal Spirit,
threefold God, yet ever One,
may our eyes behold thy splendour
when our earthly course is done. Amen.

NEH 470

Words: Gloriosi Salvatoris c. 15th cent. tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: ORIEL Cantica Sacra Munich 1840

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.
A// **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:

Choir Holy, Holy, Holy,
 Lord God of Hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

 Blessed is he that cometh 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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Motet

Justorum animae in manu Dei
sunt, et non tangeant illos
tormentum malitiae.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori:
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the righteous are in the
hand of God, and there shall no
torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they
seemed to die: but they are in peace.*

Words: Wisdom 3. 1-3

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Notices

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

The Dismissal

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

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth,
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free:
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*NEH 486
Words: Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)
Music: FULDA William Gardiner (1770-1853)*

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

Organ Voluntary

Toccata on 'O Filii et Filiae'

Lynnwood Farnam (1885-1930)

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.

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.*

Confirmation Preparation for 16 – 21 year olds If you, or a young person you know, would like to explore taking this step of faith, Canon Wendy will be running an informal course on Saturdays at 2pm over four weeks leading up to the service on 1st June. The first session is on 10th May. Please email canonwendy@riponcathedral.org for further details.

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

3.30pm Evensong

Responses *Sumsion*

Hymns: 349, 103

Psalm: 86

Setting *Noble in B minor*

Anthem *Greater love hath no man Ireland*

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: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Myra Shackley
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Cliff Bowman
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Rt Revd Clive Handford
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple

Worship Next Sunday, 11th May 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Eucharist (1662) *President & Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

9.30am Morning Prayer *in the Chapel of the Resurrection*

10.30am Sung Eucharist *with the Installation of the Mayor of Ripon*
President: The Dean Preacher: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham

12.30pm Eucharist (1662) *President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg*

1.15pm Holy Baptism *Service led by Canon Michael Gisbourne*

3.30 Evensong

Forthcoming events

Thursday 8th May 1.00pm Concert, Voces Seraphorum, choir *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.

Wednesday 21st May 2.00pm Pilgrim Cello – *Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ*. The performance lasts about 50 minutes. Entry is free, with retiring collection.