



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Festal Eucharist

Holy Cross Day

Sunday 14th September 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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About this service

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

The Preacher is The Archdeacon of Leeds, the Ven. Paul Ayers.

The service is sung by the girl choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir, to the Communion Service in B flat by *Charles Villiers Stanford (1824-1924)*.

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

There are two **Children's Church** groups taking place. Mustard Seeds (0-6 yrs, with their parents/carers) and Mighty Trees (7-11 yrs). For Mustard Seeds please make your way up the stairs to the Library after the first hymn. For Mighty Trees please drop-off your child from 10.15 at the Chapel of the Resurrection, using the outside door on the south side. Please then collect your child from the same place during the Peace.

Safeguarding

Ripon Cathedral is committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns about your own or another's welfare please speak to the member of clergy leading the service today or contact our Cathedral Safeguarding team on 01765 643889 or via safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk

You can also contact the Leeds Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0113 353 0257 or via safeguarding@leeds.anglican.org.uk

Other independent services you may wish to contact are:

Safe Spaces (for victims and survivors of church-based abuse) 0300 303 1056
National Domestic Abuse Line 0808 2000 247

***If you are relatively new to the congregation, and if you so desire,
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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Words of welcome are given by the Canon Chancellor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Please stand.

***Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:**

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise:**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**

**Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:**

**Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**

**For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praise rise before thy throne:**

AM 707

Words: George William Kitchen (1827-1912) & Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Music: CRUCIFER Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The organist improvises until the censuring of the altar is complete.

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.**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon God shows his love for us in that,
 while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

President Lord Jesus,
you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President God the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir

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, 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.

The Collect

President

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
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 Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21.4-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

NEH 95

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: ROCKINGHAM adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)

The Gospel

The choir sings the following and the congregation repeats it.



Cantor We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3.13-17

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.

All

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

President Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Please sit.

Intercessor Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**

Intercessor Bless those who lead the Church's worship.
In the preaching of the word
and the celebration of the sacraments,
draw your people close to you.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**

Intercessor Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations.
Help us to witness to the faith we have received
by our words and in our deeds,
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,
that we may glory in his cross.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**

Intercessor Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.
Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**

Intercessor Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**

Intercessor Welcome into paradise all
 who have left this world in your friendship.
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
All **Lord, save us and help us. Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Once we were far off,
 but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
 through the shedding of Christ's blood,
 for he is our peace.

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. Card readers are available. Alternatively, please use this QR Code.

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
the hosts of heaven adore.**



In thy most bitter passion
 my heart to share doth cry,
 with thee for my salvation
 upon the cross to die.
 Ah, keep my heart thus moved
 to stand thy cross beneath,
 to mourn thee, well-belovèd,
 yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,
 with thine immortal power,
 to hold me that I quail not
 in death's most fearful hour:
 That I may fight befriended,
 and see in my last strife
 to me thine arms extended
 upon the cross of life.

NEH 90

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) from a 14th cent. Latin hymn tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: PASSION CHORALE trad. melody in Hans Leo Hassler's Lustgarten 1601

The organist improvises until the censuring is complete.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son
 you transformed an instrument of shame
 into a sign of hope and glory.
 Receive all we bring before you this day,
 and renew us in the mystery of his love;
 through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
 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	<p>It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p>Today we celebrate with songs of praise the cross, the victory-sign of Christ. Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell, now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.</p> <p>An instrument of shameful death has become for Christ a throne of glory. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.</p> <p>And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:</p>
Choir	<p>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.</p> <p>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p>
President	<p>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;</p> <p>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.</p>

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 Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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 God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion.
If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister. 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.*

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

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 after Epiphany
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

Prayer after Communion

President Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death
until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given, after which please stand.

The Dismissal

Blessing

President Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
this is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

NEH 86

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879–1962)

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

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in E flat (BWV 552i)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

After the service, please join us in the south transept for a coffee, tea or juice.

Saturday 20th September 10am-12noon
Launch of Annual Review
Up-date on the Cathedral's Mission & Priorities

10.00 Presentation on the Cathedral's strategy & launch of the Annual Review
10.40 Questions and Answers
11.00 Coffee and cake – Eco Group Exhibition

Services later today and this week

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

1.15pm Holy Baptism *Name: Orson Officiant: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

3.30pm Festal Evensong

Responses	<i>Sumsion</i>	Hymns: 379, 94	Psalm: 110, 150
Setting	<i>Noble in B minor</i>		
Anthem	<i>Christus factus est Bruckner</i>		

5.30pm Eucharist with prayers for healing *President: Canon Matthew Pollard*

Preacher: Canon Wendy Wilby

Cathedral supporting the Parishes Canon Michael Gisbourne is presiding 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: Canon Ailsa Newby
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Paul Spurgeon
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg

Worship Next Sunday, 21st September Eco Church Sunday and the Eve of Matthew the Apostle

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

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*
Preacher: Revd Canon Marion Russell

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*

3.30pm Festal Evensong

Forthcoming events

Thursday 18th September 1.00pm Concert. Charlie Gower-Smith, Baritone acc. Alison Gill *Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.*

Thursday 25th September 7.30pm *Wilfrid's Patrons and Sponsors* by Prof Joyce Hill Lectures are free and kindly sponsored by The Friends of Ripon Cathedral.



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Children's Church Sunday mornings*

Mustard Seeds

Aimed at 0-6 year olds and their parents/carers, or any primary school age children who enjoy worshipping through singing, storytelling and craft. Families gather in the Cathedral Library after the first hymn.

Mighty Trees

Aimed at 7-11 year olds, lively worship including games, stories and activities, all based on the theme of the day. Drop off from 10.15am at the Chapel of the Resurrection.

Both groups rejoin the main service in time for communion.
For more information or to register for this coming term contact:

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*term time only

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