

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday before Advent

Sunday 9th November 2025
9.30am

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 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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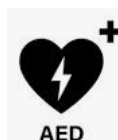
Sitting, kneeling, standing

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers. This order of service invites you to sit, 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

We welcome you to Ripon Cathedral on this Sunday as we approach Advent. We continue to celebrate the life of God, a community of love which enfolds the whole of creation and humanity. And we praise God for our home within the community of faith which is Christ's Church.

As we worship God together in this ancient and sacred place of prayer, we pray that this cathedral community will be filled with God's life and love, and that we may reach out to include others in sharing our joy.

About this service

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

The Preacher is The Canon Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The service is sung by the lay clerks of the cathedral choir and the setting is *Missa Ave Maria* by David Pisaro (b. 1975).

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

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

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The Gathering

Processional Hymn

As the introduction is played, please stand.

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

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

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

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

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

NEH 3:33

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Music: MICHAEL Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

The President introduces the service.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

Deacon Jesus says,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A// **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

President The God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

A// **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae
voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus
te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, Suscipe
deprecationem nostram.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe. Cum sancto spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Please remain standing.

*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.*

*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.*

*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

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 book of Job.

Job said to his companions: 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Job 19.23-27a

All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Please stand

Timeless love! We sing the story,
praise his wonders, tell his worth;
love more fair than heaven's glory,
love more firm than ancient earth!
Tell his faithfulness abroad:
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

By his faithfulness surrounded,
north and south his hand proclaim;
earth and heaven formed and founded,
skies and seas, declare his Name!
Wind and storm obey his word:
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Truth and righteousness enthrone him,
just and equal are his ways;
more than happy, those who own him,
more than joy, their songs of praise!
Sun and Shield and great Reward:
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

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Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: ALL SAINTS melody from Gesangbuch, Darmstadt 1698

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

The Gospel

The choir sings the following and the congregation repeat it.



Cantor
All

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon
All

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and

died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Luke 20.27-38

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

The organist improvises as the Gospel party returns.

Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us affirm, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
All **I believe and trust in him.**

President Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
All **I believe and trust in him.**

President This is the faith of the Church.
All **This is our faith.**
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayers of intercession

President We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

Please sit.

Intercessor You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind, freedom to captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.
Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.
Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.
Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.
Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.
Father, by your Spirit

All **bring in your kingdom.**

Intercessor Lord of the Church,
All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in mind and heart
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3. 14, 15

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

**Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might,
and every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.**

NEH 500

Words: Frederick Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: IRISH from S. Powell's A Collection of Hymns & Sacred Poems Dublin, 1749

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.
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,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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 Praise to you Lord Jesus:
All **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 Uniting our prayers with the whole company of saints,
as our Saviour 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated 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.

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.

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

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

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.
No man hath greater love than this, to give his life even for his friends.

Words John 15.12

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and
nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Notices

Notices may be given after which, please stand.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please remaining standing as the choir and clergy depart.

Organ Voluntary

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Sunday 7 Dec at 10.30am

This is the Sunday nearest St Nicholas' Day and we will be receiving any gifts you may wish to give for children. We will pass these on to the Salvation Army to distribute to children in the community who may not receive much Christmas cheer this year.