



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday before Advent
observed as
Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday 16th November 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 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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- use the card terminals;
- for bank transfers Account Name: The Chapter of Ripon Cathedral Sort Code: 40 38 23
Account Number: 91067737.
- To support the Development Trust use this QR code.



About this service

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

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

The service is sung by the boy choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the Cathedral choir. The setting is the *Communion Service in C* 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

There are two **Children's Church** groups taking place. Mustard Seeds (0-6 yrs, with their parents/carers – or school age children can be dropped off if preferred) 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 report to the Cathedral Safeguarding Team via the QR code or speak to the member of clergy leading the service today.

You can also contact our Cathedral Safeguarding team on 01765 643889 or via safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk The Leeds Diocesan Safeguarding Team are available Monday to Friday and can be contacted 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

For more information about Safeguarding at Ripon Cathedral visit www.riponcathedral.org.uk/safeguarding

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.

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Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn.
To carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away;
the guilt that clings from things long past;
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find;
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends.
As hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here,
to mend the body, mind and soul.
To disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

AM 522

Words: John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

MUSIC: YE BANKS AND BRAES Scottish folk melody

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
A// **Amen.**

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
A// **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 Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
 though we have rebelled against him.

President You made your church to be place of safety and refuge,
 yet people have been hurt and harmed.

A short moment of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President You call your church be a voice for the voiceless
 and the oppressed,
 yet we have remained silent
 and not spoken out about injustice.

A short moment of silence.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President You send your church to be an example of love to the world,
 yet we have been selfish
 and not shown love to those who are hurting.

A short moment of silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
 who in Jesus Christ
 gave us the perfect example of love and compassion
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to your truth,
open our hearts to your justice
strengthen us to do your will,
and make us, your church,
 a place of safety and refuge for all,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.
Compassionate God, our refuge and strength,
defender of the weak, the weary, and the oppressed,
we come to you with humble and thankful hearts.
You call us to be like you,
to speak up for the rights of all who are vulnerable.
Help us as we strive to be a place of safety for all,
May we listen to those who are hurting,
learn from Jesus' example,
and love one another as you first loved us.
All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

Malachi 4.1-2a

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Christ's is the world in which we move,
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain and disgrace,
Christ makes with his friends a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid,
strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women, and feel for the men,
who fear that their living is all in vain.

To the lost Christ shows his face;

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

To the lost Christ shows his face;

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

To the lost Christ shows his face;

AM 512

Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Music: DREAM ANGUS traditional Scottish folk melody

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 light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.' various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Luke 21.5-19

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,
 who sent the Son to be a ransom for many.

Please sit.

This response is used after each petition:

Intercessor Jesus, Lord of the Church,
All **in your mercy, hear us.**

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 We are all one in Christ Jesus.
 We belong to him through faith,
 heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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 will be brought round for those who prefer to give by card. Alternatively, please use this QR Code.



May this place be one of nurture
where we all may come to know
how your endless love sustains us
as we live and move and grow.
May we work to build your kingdom
full of truth and light and grace,
living life in all its fullness
held in one divine embrace.

For our negligence and failures
you have called us to repent,
drawing energy for action
from the voices of lament.
As the secret hurts long hidden
may at last be brought to light,
may the truth unlock the freedom
that is every person's right.

When the smallest child is valued,
and the strong empower the weak,
and each human life is hallowed
and the unheard voices speak:
then your justice stands like mountains
and your mercy falls like rain,
and you hold the brokenhearted
till they learn to live again.

So in gratitude we praise you,
and we lift to you in prayer,
all the people you are calling
to this ministry of care.
Give us wisdom, grace and courage,
holding fast to all that's good,
seeing Christ in one another
we will love and serve our Lord.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Music: CORVEDALE Maurice Bevan (1921-2006) (AM 806)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

President Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Deacon
All

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

President Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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.*

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

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus;
Steal away, steal away home,
I han't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder,
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I han't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling,
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul,
I han't got long to stay here.

*Words: traditional American spiritual
Music: Michael Tippett (1905-1998) from A Child of our Time*

Prayer after Communion

President Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given.

Commissioning of the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer

The Cathedral Safeguarding Officer stands before the Dean with the Canon Pastor and Chief Operating Officer.

The Dean For your goodness to us at all times
All **We praise you, O Lord.**

The Dean For your blessings on this Cathedral Community
All **We praise you, O Lord.**

The Dean For all who safeguard the well-being of your people here
All **We praise you, O Lord.**

The Dean For the call to vigilance that you give to each one of us
All **We pray to you, O Lord.**

The Dean For your grace and guidance
All **We praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Dean Sarah you have been appointed as our Safeguarding Officer in this Cathedral. We welcome your willingness to serve in this way. Always hold before us the example of Christ the Good Shepherd, that together we may be faithful to God's love.

Do you believe that you have been called to the role of safeguarding officer in this Cathedral?

Answer **I do.**

The Dean Will you be watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, and always available to those who may need support?

Answer **With the help of God, I will.**

The Dean Will you deepen your knowledge and refine your skills to the benefit of this Cathedral?

Answer **With the help of God, I will.**

The Dean Canon Wendy and Carol will you work closely with Sarah as a Safeguarding Team, leading us all in our shared commitment to safeguarding?

Answer **With the help of God, I will.**

The Dean People of God, gathered in this place, will you play your part in building a culture where all may flourish.

A// **With the help of God we will.**

The Dean As we commission our Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Team we pray for God's grace and guidance, and for the safekeeping and well-being of all.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you
that Sarah has offered herself
as a Safeguarding Officer in our Cathedral.
for her professional expertise and willingness to serve.
Uphold her by your love and enable her by your Spirit,
that through the work of our Safeguarding Team
and our shared commitment
this Cathedral may be a place of welcome,
security and compassion,
that all who gather here may do so
in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A// **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President The God of love,
passionate and strong,
faithful and tender,
watch over you and keep you safe
all the days of your 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

**O Christ the Lord, O Christ the King,
who wide the gates of death didst fling,
whose place upon creation's throne
by Easter triumph was made known,
rule now on earth from realms above,
subdue the nations by thy love.**

**Lord, vindicate against men's greed
the weak, whose tears thy justice plead;
thy pity, Lord, on men who lie
broken by war and tyranny;
show them the cross which thou didst bear,
give them the power that conquered there.**

**Let those whose pride usurps thy throne
acknowledge thou art Lord alone;
cause those whose lust torments mankind
thy wrath to know, thy mercy find;
make all the rebel world proclaim
the mighty power of thy blest name.**

**So shall creation's bondage cease,
its pangs of woe give birth to peace;
and all the earth, redeemed by thee,
shall know a glorious liberty:
O haste the time, make short the days,
till all our cries dissolve in praise.**

NEH 496

Words: R. T. Brooks (1918-1985)

Music: MELITA John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) (NEH 354)

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary

Fantasy (*from* Suite No. 1)

Florence Price (1887-1953)

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

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

3.30pm Oakleaf Service – *service marking the victims of road traffic accidents.*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Worship for the Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Friday & Saturday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Monday to Thursday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Tuesday	9.00am 12noon	The Eucharist The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard President: Canon Wendy Wilby
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: The Dean
Friday	9.00am 12noon	The Eucharist The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard President: Reverend Lynn Thorius
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple

Worship Next Sunday, Christ the King

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard*

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Festal Eucharist *President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Preacher Reverend Anna Boyce*

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

3.30pm Farewell Service for the Bishop of Leeds

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Forthcoming events

Friday 21st & 22nd November 9.30-16.30 Christmas Food & Gift Fair. Tickets £5 available in the cathedral shop or online

Thursday 27th November 1.00pm Concert. Students for Leeds University
Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Sunday 23rd November 3.30pm Farewell Service for Bishop Nick Baines

Tickets still available online - To book please follow the link below.

[A Diocesan Farewell to Bishop Nick - Ripon Cathedral](#)

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.

Please ensure toys are new and unwrapped.