

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Advent Sunday

Sunday 30th November 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 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 this act of worship. Whatever has brought you here today, we trust that you will find yourself more aware of God through the words, prayers and music. We worship in the season of Advent. This is a time of expectation: the word itself means 'coming'. It recalls ancient Israel's hope for the advent of the Messiah and it also expresses the Christian hope for the fulfilment of God's Kingdom in the second coming of Christ.

As we worship today in this Cathedral church we pray that we may all encounter God and 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 Dean, The Very Revd John Dobson DL.

The Preacher is The Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, The Ven. Dr James Theodosius.

The service is sung by the lay clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Missa Simile est regnum caelorum* by *Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*.

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

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.

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Words of welcome are given by The Canon Precentor.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way. *Rejoice!*

O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law. *Rejoice!*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from those dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save. *Rejoice!*

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode. *Rejoice!*

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb. *Rejoice!*

O come, Desire of nations! Show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall. *Rejoice!*

NEH 11

*Words: Ancient Advent Antiphons, tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors
Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody adapted from a French Missal by T. Helmore (1811-1890)*

The Greeting

President With love and compassion,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President With judgement and mercy,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President In power and glory,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

President In wisdom and truth,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

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 When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
 Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

President Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
 forgive us when we return to darkness.
 Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
 cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
 Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
 renew us in faith and love.
 Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Choir	<i>Kyrie eleison,</i>	Lord, have mercy.
	<i>Christe eleison,</i>	Christ, have mercy.
	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	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.**

Lighting of a candle on the Advent Wreath

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

President Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
 to you be praise and glory for ever.
 You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
 and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
 May we be obedient to your call
 and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
 a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
 for you are our light and our salvation.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

President Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and to put on the armour of light,
 now in the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him 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 the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 2. 1-5

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

Psalm

Please remain seated as the choir sings the following response, which is then repeated by the congregation.



I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
[Response]

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself,
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
The assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord'
for there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. *[Response]*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper that love you.
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
[Response]

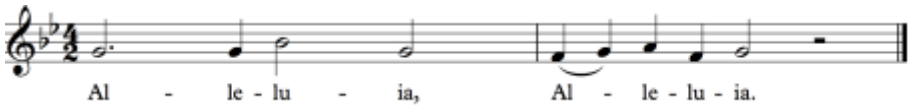
For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good. *[Response]*

Psalms 122

The Gospel

Please stand and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.

The choir sings, then all repeat:



Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Alleluia, Alleluia.

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Matthew 26.26-44

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.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Intercessions

President Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

Please sit.

Intercessor That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may bind up the broken hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

President Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
 the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
 to give light to those who dwell in darkness
 and in the shadow of death
 and to guide our feet into the way 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 and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Offertory Hymn

**Hills of the North, rejoice;
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice;
Him who made earth and skies;
He comes in righteousness and love;
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze,
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.**

Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn;
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn.
The God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come;
He brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on;
songs be in every mouth;
lo, from the North they come,
from East, and West, and South.
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the sons of earth be blest.

NEH 7

Words: Charles Oakley (1832-1865)

Music: LITTLE CORNARD Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
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 and good to give you thanks and praise,
Almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
 to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation
 of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might,</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>heaven and earth are full of your</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name</i>
Domini Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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 **Dying you destroyed our death,**
 rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 the 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

Awaiting his coming in glory,
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.
A// **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.

A// **Most merciful Lord,
 your love compels us to come in.
 Our hands were unclean,
 our hearts were unprepared;
 we were not fit
 even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
 But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
 and share your bread with sinners.
 So cleanse and feed us
 with the precious body and blood of your Son,
 that he may live in us and we in him;
 and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
 may sit and eat in your kingdom.
 Amen.**

*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

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland,
der Jungfrauen Kind erkannt
daß sich wunder alle Welt,
Gott solch Geburt ihm bestellt.

*Now come, Saviour of the heathen,
recognized as the Virgin's Child,
so that the world marvels
that God ordained such a birth for Him.*

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

Prayer after Communion

President O Lord our God,
 make us watchful and keep us faithful
 as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
 that, when he shall appear,
 he may not find us sleeping in sin
 but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which, please stand.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
 scatter the darkness from before your path,
 and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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.**

Recessional Hymn

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to The Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

NEH 9

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: HELMSLEY Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799) included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary

Fantasy on 'Helmsley'

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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

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Saturday December 6, 10am

Service of Lament and Hope

Saturday December 6, 10.30am

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