



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 4th January 2026
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.

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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.

For many, the Christmas season is celebrated for twelve days, ending at Epiphany. Contemporary use has sought to express an alternative tradition, in which Christmas lasts a full forty days ending with the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on 2 February. For Christmas is much more than the celebration of Jesus's birth, and the Liturgy over these forty days seeks to help worshippers to recall the central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

About this service

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

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

The organist is the Director of Music, Dr Ronny Krippner.

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

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Children at Ripon Cathedral

There is no Children's Church today. It begins again on 11th January 2026.

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Words of welcome are given by the Canon Pastor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine?
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

NEH 49

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: EPIPHANY Joseph Francis Thrupp (1827-1867)

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

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

‘You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.’
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

President

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

President

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

President

Spirit of Love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

President God, who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven;
peace to all your people through the earth be given.
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Alleluia to our heavenly king.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son;
with the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone.
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour. High and holy one.
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

*Words Christopher Idle (b. 1938)
Music: EVELYN S. W. H. Monk (1823-1889)*

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
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 letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1.3-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

NEH 52

*Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75)
Music: WAS LEBET from the Rheinhardt MS 1754*

The Gospel

Please remain standing and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 1.10-18

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

Please sit.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

- President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
 let us pray to the Father.
- Please sit.*
- Intercessor We pray for God's faithfulness to be known in our world.
 In a world of change and hope, of fear and adventure,
 faithful God
All glorify your name.
- Intercessor In the common life of our, city, region, diocese and nation
 in prosperity and need,
 faithful God
All glorify your name.
- Intercessor As your Church proclaims your goodness in words and action,
 faithful God
All glorify your name.
- Intercessor Among our friends and in our homes,
 faithful God
All glorify your name.
- Intercessor In our strengths and triumphs, in our weakness and struggles,
 faithful God
All glorify your name.

Please stand.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

- President Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.
- 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 upon 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.*



As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
to that lowly manger-bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
thou its Sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

NEH 47

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: DIX adapted from C. Kocher (1788-1872) by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
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 All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord
In power and wisdom forever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love:
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he,
Whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;
Who comes in the name of the Father of light?
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Music: SLANE Trad. Irish tune

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 Great is the mystery of faith.
All **Christ has died: Christ is risen:**
 Christ will come again.

 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 Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
 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.**

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sins away,
O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray
have mercy, Lord, we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release,
Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace
in perfect heav'nly peace.

Music: REPTON C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

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.

Prayer after Communion

President All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

President Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O Christ the same through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought man's whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, for all our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

NEH 258

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: LONDONDERRY AIR Petrie Collection of Irish Melody

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary