

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist **with a collection of toys**

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 7th December 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.

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, 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 Canon Pastor. The Revd Canon Wendy Dalrymple

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

The service is sung by girl choristers and lay clerks of the cathedral choir and the setting is the *Missa brevis in C 'Organ Solo' (K. 259) Mozart (1756-1791)*.

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.

Safeguarding



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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

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

Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden, freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

*When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man, this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman, God divinely human:

Mary, hail! Though afraid, she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid,
till the time expected, nurtured and protected:

Journey ends: where afar Bethle'm shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

NEH 10

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: PERSONENT HODIE Melody from Piaa Cantiones 1582 arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

The Greeting

President	With love and compassion,
<i>All</i>	come, Lord Jesus.
President	With judgement and mercy,
<i>All</i>	come, Lord Jesus.
President	In power and glory,
<i>All</i>	come, Lord Jesus.
President	In wisdom and truth,
<i>All</i>	come, Lord Jesus.
President	Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
	and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
<i>All</i>	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	Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
	Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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 second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

President God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, 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.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11.1–10

This is the word of the Lord.

A//

Thanks be to God.

Psalms

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



In his time shall the right-eous flou-rish, and peace till the moon shall be no more.

Give the king your justice,
O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

[Response]

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

[Response]

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

[Response]

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessèd be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

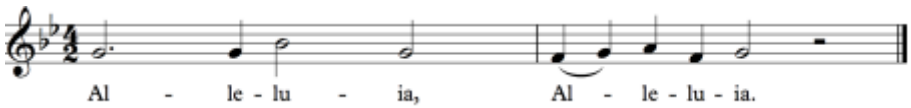
[Response]

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19

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.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3.1-12

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.

This response is used after each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Intercessor Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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

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.



**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.**

NEH 12

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr. John Chandler (1808-1876)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW Musicalisches Hand Buch Hamburg

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.

All

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President A//	The Lord be with you and also with you.
President A//	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
President A//	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>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.</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
All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**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.

A// **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

Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with one united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)*

Prayer after Communion

President Father in heaven,
 who sent your Son to redeem the world
 and will send him again to be our judge:
 give us grace so to imitate him
 in the humility and purity of his first coming
 that, when he comes again,
 we may be ready to greet him
 with joyful love and firm faith;
 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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Carillon orléanais

Henri Nibelle (1883-1967)

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

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Services later today and this week

- 12.30pm** **Holy Eucharist (BCP)** *President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg*
1.15pm **Holy Baptism** *Name: Sienna & Theodore*
Officiant: Canon Wendy Dalrymple
3.30pm **Light up a life** *a service with St Michael's Hospice*

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: The Dean
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Clive Mansell
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Myra Shackley
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Michael Gisbourne
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Ailsa Newby
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Venerable Richard Seed
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple

Worship Next Sunday, 14th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am** **Eucharist (BCP)** *President & Preacher: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*
9.30am **Morning Prayer**
10.30am **Sung Eucharist** *President: Canon Matthew Pollard*
Preacher Canon Michael Gisbourne
12.30pm **Eucharist (BCP)** *President: The Dean*
1.15pm **Holy Baptism** *Fabian and Adaline* *Officiant: The Dean*
3.30pm **Evensong**

Forthcoming events

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm Advent Organ Meditation Nine Meditations on the birth of our Lord by Olivier Messiaen performed by Tim Harper. Tickets are not required.

Jennyruth Workshops Xmas stall

in the Cathedral after the Sunday 10.30am Eucharist
on 7th, 14th and 21st. All proceeds go to Jennyruth, one of our C3 partners



Sunday 21st December

*Dean John & Nicola invite you for sherry and mince pies
following the 10.30am Sung Eucharist
and before the 12.30 Eucharist.
Served in the South Transept*





Christmas Organ Meditation

Thursday 18th Dec 2025

*La Nativité du
Seigneur*

Nine Meditations on the birth of our Lord
by Olivier Messiaen
performed by Tim Harper

All Welcome

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