



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Festal Eucharist
Candlemas

Saturday 31st January 2026

5.30pm

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.

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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.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist of Candlemas. It is not only a wonderful spectacle as we process round the cathedral gazing at thousands of candles, but Simeon's final words in the Gospel reading move our attention away from the celebration of the 40 days of Christmas and Epiphany, towards the mysteries of Easter.

As we worship this evening 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.

The President is The Dean of Ripon, The Very Revd John Dobson, DL.
The Preacher is The Dean of Wakefield, The Very Revd Dr Philip Hobday.

The service is sung by the Cathedral choir and the Mass setting is the *Missa brevis St Joannis de Deo* by *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*.

The Nunc dimittis is sung to the setting by *Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*.

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

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At the start of this Eucharist the lights of the Cathedral remain dimmed.

Please stand as The Dean escorts The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Richard Compton, who represents His Majesty King Charles III.

The welcome is given by the Dean.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional 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 wouldst 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: J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)

Music: WAS LEBET Rheinhardt MS 1754

The Greeting

President
All

The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

Dear friends,
forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Now we recall the day on which
he was presented in the Temple,
when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people.
As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified,
as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna
recognised him as their Lord,
as we today sing of his glory.
In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming
and his searching judgement,
looking back to the day of his birth,
and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

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

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord. You alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

Collect

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

President Almighty and ever-living God,
 clothed in majesty,
 whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
 in substance of our flesh:
 grant that we may be presented to you
 with pure and clean hearts,
 by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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 a letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2. 14-end

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

The Choir sings as the congregational candles are lit. Please help spread the light quickly by lighting your neighbour's candle.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :
the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas :
and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord :
or who shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart :
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord:
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him :
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Psalm 24. 1-6

The Blessing of the Candles

Please stand and raise your candles.

President May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.
All **The Lord bless you.**

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

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
You make our darkness to be light.
For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
All **Blessed be God for ever!**

President Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal temple where you live and reign,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The congregational candles are blessed by being sprinkled with holy water.

President We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.

All **In the midst of your temple.**

President Open to us the gates of righteousness.

All **That we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

President God is the Lord who has shown us light.

All **Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation of great gladness.**

President Let us proceed in peace.

All **In the name of Christ our light.**

The Candlemas Procession

During the procession the following hymns are sung. Please join the procession when invited to do so holding your candle. Please mind your step!

Processional Hymn I

Of the Father's heart begotten,
Ere the world from chaos rose,
He is Alpha: from that Fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done;
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday,
When the Maid the curse retrieved,
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,
By the Holy Ghost conceived;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
In her loving arms received,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sibyl
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry!
Evermore and evermore.

Hail, thou Judge of souls departed!
Hail, thou King of all that live!
On the Father's throne exalted
None in might with thee may strive;
Who at last in judgement coming
Sinners from thy face shall drive
Evermore and evermore.

Let the storm and summer sunshine,
Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee
Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Every tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be,
Honour, glory and dominion
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

NEH 33 and AM 80

Words: Latin Prudentius (348-413) tr. R. F. Davis (1866-1937)

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM from Piae Cantiones (1582)

Processional Hymn II

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

NEH 185

Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991)

Processional Hymn III

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision whence true peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluia is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken,
Is the feast-day of the Lord'
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health and strong and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid;
And in everlasting glory
Thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

AM 710

Words: Thomas A. Kempis (c. 1380-1471) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: REGENT SQUARE Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

The following hymn may be omitted.

Processional Hymn IV

Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee.
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessèd ones to reign.

**Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.**

NEH 205

Words: Latin c. 7th cent. tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Gospel

President Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

All **Alleluia!**

President Today Mary comes to be purified in accordance with the law.

All **Alleluia!**

President Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

All **Alleluia! Praise to Christ, the Light of the world!**

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

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Nunc dimittis servum tuum Domine:
secundum verbum tuum in pace.
Quia viderunt oculi mei: salutare tuum;
quod parasti: ante faciem omnium
populorum,
lumen ad revelationem gentium: et
gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Now, Lord, you let your servant go in
peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the
sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2. 22-40

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

The organist improvises as the Gospel Party returns.

Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

You are invited to extinguish your candle and to hold it vertically to allow the wax to set.

Prayers of Intercession

- President Let us pray to the Father through Christ
who is our light and life.
- Intercessor Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
All **Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.**
- Intercessor Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:
All **Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.**
- Intercessor Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:
All **Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.**
- Intercessor Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find
their peace:
All **Look in mercy on the departed, who see your salvation.**
- Intercessor Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be
rejected:
All **Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.**
- Intercessor Lord God,
you kept faith with Simeon and Anna
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**
- Please stand.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God
 the dayspring from on high has broken 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 light and peace of the Lord be always with you
 and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Light and Peace.

We exchange warm greetings with those close to 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. If you would prefer to give by credit/debit card, contactless devices are available as you leave. Alternatively, please use this QR Code.



**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true:
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

NEH 3:38

Words: Caroline Noel (1817-1877)

Music: EVELYNS W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

All

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President
All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

President
All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

President
All

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

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him
to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. 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.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>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 Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

President

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Peter, St Wilfrid, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President

Believing the promises of God,
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

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

All

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 ask the minister when receiving. If you
are not a communicant and would like to receive God's blessing, please come
with this service sheet in your hand.*

During Holy Communion the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.</i>

Motet

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms, and blessing God, he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in thee;
and when we must from earth departure take,
may gently fall asleep, and with thee wake.

*Music: Johannes Eccard (1551-1611)
Words: translated from the German by John Troutbeck (1832-1899)*

Prayer after Communion

President Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.
All **Amen.**

President Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.
All **Amen.**

President Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.
All **Amen.**

President 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

**Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.**

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

For, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou has given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

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Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: ANGEL VOICES E. G. Monk (1819-1900)

Deacon
All

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Carillon

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)



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