



RIPON CATHEDRAL

The Baptism of Christ

Festal Eucharist

Sunday 11th 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 on this site 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 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.

Today the whole Church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus as a young man at the hands of John the Baptist in the river Jordan. Water is sprinkled on us from our font today as a reminder of our own baptism. We are the body of Christ now, continuing his work of touching and transforming lives and communities with his love and bringing his healing, forgiveness and compassion to our needy world. May our celebration encourage all of us in our ministry and mission as 2026 begins.

About this service

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

The Preacher is the Cathedral Curate Revd Anna Boyce.

The service is sung by the girl choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Missa Dixit Maria* by *Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*.

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

The flower display is kindly provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild.

Children at Ripon Cathedral

There are two **Children's Church** groups taking place. Mustard Seeds (0-6 yrs, with their parents/carers – or school age children can be dropped off if preferred) and Mighty Trees (7-11 yrs). For Mustard Seeds please make your way up the stairs to the Library after the first hymn. For Mighty Trees please drop-off your child from 10.15 at the Chapel of the Resurrection, using the outside door on the south side. Please then collect your child from the same place during the Peace.

Safeguarding



Ripon Cathedral is committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns about your own or another's welfare, please report to the Cathedral Safeguarding Team via the QR code or speak to the member of clergy leading the service today.

You can also contact our Cathedral Safeguarding team on 01765 643889 or via safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk

Words of welcome are given by The Canon Pastor.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne—the Infinite!
who lives—and loves—and saves.

NEH 352

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: DIADEMATA George Elvey (1816-1893)

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

A// **Amen.**

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
A// **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

President The Lord of glory be with you.
A// **The Lord bless you.**

The President introduces the service.

Introduction

President At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see
and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
Here is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.

As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,
and called to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Today we renew our own baptismal promises,
praying for God's strength to follow Jesus more faithfully
in all we say and do.

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.

The Collect

President Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.
Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Isaiah 42: 1-9

All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**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)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1689

The Gospel

The choir sings, then all repeat:



Cantor Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations:
and believed in throughout the world.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.13-17

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

The Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

Procession to the Font

During the following hymn the choir and clergy process to the Font and the Clergy, crucifer and acolytes stand around it. The congregation is invited to join the procession. If you are unable to do so, please turn to face the Font.

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Blessèd and holy Three
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

NEH 466

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)

Music: MOSCOW after Felice Giardini (1716-1796)

Renewal of Baptism Vows

President In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

All Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

President Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
All **I renounce them.**

President Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
All **I repent of them.**

President Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
All **I turn to Christ.**

President Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
All **I submit to Christ.**

President Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
All **I come to Christ.**

Water is poured into the Font.

President God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
All With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

President Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

President It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
All at all times to give you thanks and praise,
for today the grace of the Holy Spirit
in the form of a dove descended upon the waters.
**Today the sun that never sets has risen
and the world is filled with splendour
by the light of the Lord.**

President Today the clouds drop down upon all people
the dew of righteousness from on high.
All **Today the Uncreated of his own will
accepts the laying on of hands from his own creature.**

President Today the waters of the Jordan
are transformed for healing by the coming of the Lord
All **Today the blinding mist of the world is dispersed
by the Epiphany of our God.**

President Today things above keep feast with things below,
and things below commune with things above.

Therefore, heavenly Father, accept our sacrifice of praise,
and by the power of your life-giving Spirit +
sanctify these waters of your new creation,
that we, with all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit, may be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life.
Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise:
All **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession

Please remain where you are for the intercessions.

Intercessor Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled
himself to be baptized in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:
All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Intercessor Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.
We pray that the baptized may be faithful to Christ and reflect
his love and life.
From all our sins, O Lord:
All **wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Intercessor Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Water is sprinkled over the people.

President ‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride.
‘Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.’
May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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. As the peace is shared the congregation and choir return to their places.

Preparation of the Altar

The table is prepared, the bread and wine are placed on it. The altar is censed.

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.



**Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

NEH 55

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: CRÜGER Chorale by J. Crüger (1598-1662)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Altar

President Open the heavens Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
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 truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
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.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy
glory. Glory be to thee O Lord most
high. Blessed is he that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon

All

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

You have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

President

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All

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

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

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

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 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 thy peace.

Motet

Three kings are here, both wealthy and wise,
Come riding far over the snow-covered ice;
Royal in throng, noble in song,
They search for the child, the redeemer of wrong;
With tambours and drums they go sounding along.

God's angel speaks Saint Joseph anigh:
'With Jesus thy charge into far Egypt fly.
Stay not nor stand; Herod's at hand.'
The ass hastens panting; the hot desert sand
Has rescued our Saviour from Herod's ill band.

Herod betrays these innocent lives
Both younger and elder to lances and knives.
Who can dare tell, murder so fell?
These pretty young children in anguish of hell
Were martyred together his anger to quell.

Words: traditional Flemish, tr. Robert Graves (1895-1985)

Music: Peter Dyke (b. 1965)

Prayer after Communion

President Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Notices

Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with his joy and peace.
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

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

NEH 56

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Music: ST EDMUND Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

Deacon

All

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

Organ Voluntary

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam (BWV 684)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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