

RIPON CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 18th January 2026

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".

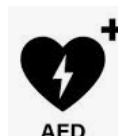
Sitting, kneeling, standing

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.

The word 'Epiphany' is Greek for 'manifestation, showing forth, revealing'. In this season we remember Jesus being shown to the Magi who symbolise all the nations of the earth worshipping our Incarnate God and offering rich and rare gifts – gold for a king; incense for God; myrrh for one who will suffer and die. Our prayer is that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess he is Lord. The Baptism and Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding in Cana are celebrated in this season – 'Epiphanies' which reveal Jesus' true nature. We pray that our lives in this Cathedral Community may reveal him in all we say and do.

About this service

The President is The Canon Precentor, the Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The Preacher is The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons, formerly Vicar of Gipton and Oakwood in the Leeds Episcopal Area.

The service is sung by the boy choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Communion Service in G* by Francis Jackson (1917-2022).

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

The flowers are provided by the Ripon Cathedral Flower arranging 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 contact the Cathedral Safeguarding team on 01765 643889 or via safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk

Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall;
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call;
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall;
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthal,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

NEH 332

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

Music: MILES LANE William Shrubsole (1760-1806) and others

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 We have come together as God's family
to pray for the recovery of the unity of Christ's Church
and for the renewal of our common life.
The Lord is full of gentleness and compassion.
In penitence and faith let us ask his forgiveness of our sins.

President There is one Body and one Spirit,
and one hope of our calling.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

President There is one God and Father of us all,
above all and through all and in all.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

Gloria

*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.*

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
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

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God,
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

NEH 341

Words: John Keble (1792-1866)

Music FRANCONIA W. H. Havergal (1793-1870)

The Gospel

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

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

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

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

John 1.29-42

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.

After the sermon, please stand with the president.

The 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 faith let us pray to God our Father,
 his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Please sit.

This response is used after each petition:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
 ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.’
 Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
 and grant it that peace and unity
 which is according to your will.

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 on it,

Offertory Hymn

A collection is taken during this hymn.

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

NEH 271

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: HYFRYDOL Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.

President God of power and love,
by your Holy Spirit,
draw the scattered flock of Christ into a visible unity
and make your Church a sign of hope to our divided world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

President Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, your only Son,
who restored to us peace through the blood of his cross,
you willed to reconcile all creatures.
In him you have led us to the knowledge of your truth,
that bound together by one faith and one baptism
we might become his body.

Through him you have given your Holy Spirit to all peoples
to work marvels by innumerable gifts
and an abundant variety of graces.

Gathering us together in unity,
your Spirit dwells in the hearts of all your children,
filling the whole Church with his presence
and guiding it with wisdom from above.

And so, with steadfast love,
we proclaim your glory
and join with hosts of angels
in their triumphant hymn of praise:

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

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
A//

Great is the mystery of faith:

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.

Amen.

All

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

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.**

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 when receiving Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive a Blessing, please bring this service sheet with you. Please move as directed by the sidespeople.

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Motet

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his
courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.*

*Words: Psalm 100
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

Prayer after Communion

President Eternal God and Father,
 whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
 as he is one with you:
 draw us closer to him,
 that in common love and obedience to you
 we may be united to one another
 in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
 that the world may believe that he is Lord,
 to your eternal glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices may be given after which please stand.

The Dismissal

President The Lord Jesus Christ,
 Son of the living God,
 teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
 to accept his truth more faithfully,
 and to share his life more lovingly;
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit
 you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.
 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

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me.

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

AM 510

Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949 and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Music: KELVINGROVE trad, Scottish folk melody

Deacon One in heart and one in mind,
 and empowered by the Spirit,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
A// **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

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Worship later today and this week

3.30pm Evensong

Responses *Rose* Hymns: 52; 250 Psalm: 96
Setting *Statham* in E minor
Anthem Blessed be the God and Father *S. S. Wesley*

Worship this Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am
Evening Prayer: Monday & Saturday 5.30pm
Choral Evensong: Tuesday to Friday 5.30pm

Worship Next Sunday, 25th January Conversion of Paul

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard*
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am Festal Eucharist *President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*
Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard
12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Michael Gisbourne*
3.30pm Festal Evensong with Installation of Canons
Preacher: Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth

Monday 19th January 2.30pm Funeral Service for Revd Geoffrey Rider in the Cathedral.

Forthcoming events

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 19 Jan - 7.30 pm opening worship Allhallowgate Methodist Church
Tues 20 Jan - 12 noon Communion at Ripon Cathedral
Wed 21 Jan - 12 noon prayers at Allhallowgate Methodist Church
Thur 22 Jan - 11.30 am prayers at Holy Trinity – lunch available afterwards
Fri 23 Jan - 12 noon prayers at Harrogate Road Methodist Church
Sat 24 Jan - 7.00 pm service at St Wilfrid's RC Church with Bishop Anna

Thursday 22nd January 1.00pm Concert. Students from Leeds University
Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Sunday 25th January 3.30pm Evensong with Installation of Canons

Saturday 31st January 5.30pm Candlemas Festal Eucharist with Procession.

Opportunities in Lent – more details coming soon

Ecumenical Lent Groups on Monday afternoons, Thursday and Sunday evenings

Lent Lectures on Wednesdays at 2.30pm - a series of visiting speakers connecting faith with a contemporary issue.

Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book: *Dancing to the heartbeat of God* – available in the Cathedral shop now.