



RIPON  
CATHEDRAL

**Sung Eucharist**

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

10.30am

## Welcome to Ripon Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since Wilfrid built the first church here in 672AD. The crypt of that original church still survives and is the oldest part of any English cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there for 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 we continue our journey through Lent.

Since the early days of the faith, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of Jesus' passion and resurrection at Easter. They have prepared for this celebration with a season of penitence and fasting lasting 40 days.

By carefully keeping Lent, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and devotion to Jesus.

You are invited to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word. There are many opportunities to do this at the Cathedral, please pick up one of our Lent leaflets which outlines all that is on offer to help us grow in faith.

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

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

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



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](mailto:safeguarding@riponcathedral.org.uk)

*Words of welcome are given by the Canon Chancellor.*

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th'eternal Eastertide.

*NEH 67*

*Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-70) and Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Music: AUS DER TIEFE attributed to Martin Herbst (1654-1681)*

### 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                The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion and  
acknowledge our transgression in penitence and faith.

President              We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*                    **Lord, have mercy.**

President              We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All*                    **Christ, have mercy.**

President              We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*                    **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Absolution

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

*All*                    **Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

## The Collect

President            Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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 book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7*

*All*                    This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gradual Psalm

How happy they the Lord forgives,  
whose sin is put away;  
to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whom no guilt holds sway.

I held my tongue, my bones dried up,  
I groaned day in, day out;  
your hand weighed down, my flesh was dry,  
as in mid-Summer drought.

Then I acknowledged all my sin,  
confessed it openly;  
I said, "I will admit my sin,"  
and you, Lord set me free.

The faithful all will make their prayers  
to you in time of woe;  
the water-floods will not reach them  
although they overflow.

You hide and preserve me Lord,  
in all adversity;  
you strengthen me on every side  
with shouts of victory.

*Words; Paraphrase of Ps. 32.1-8 by Christopher L. Webber (b. 1932)  
Music IRISH First found in the in Ashworth's Collection of Tunes c. 1760. (NEH 500)*

## The Gospel

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

*The organist plays the follow and then all repeat, singing:*



**Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo - ry.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

*All*

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

Deacon

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Matthew 4.1-11*

Deacon

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 Affirmation of Faith

President Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

*All* **Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

President Let us pray for the saving power of God  
in the Church and the world.

*Please sit.*

*This response is used after each petition:*

Intercessor Lord of compassion,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

*Please stand.*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

President        Since we are justified by faith,  
                      we have peace with God  
                      through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                      who has given us access to his grace.

*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. Contactless devices will be brought round for those who prefer to give by card. Alternatively, please use this QR Code.*



**Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.**

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art;  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

*NEH 383ii*

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: ABERYSTWYTH Joseph Parry (1841-1903)*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

President God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
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

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world,  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

*All*

**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.**

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Deacon

*All*

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy  
will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Wilfrid,  
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

President

Trusting in the compassion 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.**

## Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## 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.

*All*                    **We do not presume  
                         to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
                         trusting in our own righteousness,  
                         but in your manifold and great mercies.  
                         We are not worthy  
                         so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
                         But you are the same Lord  
                         whose nature is always to have mercy.  
                         Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
                         so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
                         and to drink his blood,  
                         that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
                         and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
                         and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
                         Amen.**

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion.  
If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister. If you are  
not a communicant and would like to receive God's blessing, please come with  
this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed.*

## Prayer after Communion

President Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Notices

*Notices may be given after which please stand.*

## The Dismissal

## The Blessing

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and remain with you now and always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*NEH 393*

*Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

*Music: MANNHEIM from Friedrich Fillitz's Choralbuch 1847*

## The Dismissal

Deacon  
*All*

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

## Organ Voluntary

Prelude in C minor (Op. 37, No. 1i)

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*After the service, please join us in the south transept for Refreshments.*