



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March 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 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 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 on this Mothering Sunday. Our special love and greetings to all mothers and mother-figures today and for all the life and love and protection you bring.

Historically, this was the day people made a special pilgrimage to their Mother Church to give thanks for word and sacraments that nourish the children of God. Later, children and young people living away from home would visit their mother on this day bearing gifts and flowers.

Today, many take the opportunity to thank and appreciate mothers and those who have mothered us.

During this service, the children will be invited to distribute daffodils to their mothers and other adults. If you would like to leave your daffodils in memory of your own mother or other carer who has died, you are invited, after the service, to place the flowers on the High Altar. If you write their name on the list you will find there, the names will be mentioned in pray by the clergy at Monday morning prayer.

About this Service

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

The Preacher is The Dean, The Very Revd John Dobson DL.

The service is sung by the girl choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir to the *Communion Service in D* by *Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*.

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Today the children stay with those who have brought them in the main body of the cathedral. Please do come down to the chairs closer to the altar if you would like Children's own activities resume next Sunday Activity packs are available at the main door.

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 Dean.

Please stand as the hymn begins.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

NEH 408

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: BLAENWERN William Rowlands (1860-1937)

The Greeting

The president greets the congregation with the words we use in Children's Church.

President In my head,
 In my heart,
 And all around me,
 Jesus is here.

All **In my head,
In my heart,
And all around me,
Jesus is here.
Amen.**

The president introduces the service.

We are sorry

The president introduces and leads us through the following sung confession.

**With my hands on my head,
I remember the things I've thought today,
I remember the things I wish I'd thought a different way.
 I'm sorry, I'm sorry,
 I wish I could start again.
 I'm sorry, I'm sorry,
 I wish I could start again.**

**With my hands on my mouth,
I remember the things I've said today,
I remember the things I wish I'd said a different way.
 I'm sorry, I'm sorry ...**

**With my hands on my chest,
I remember the things I've done today,
I remember the things I wish I'd done a different way.
 I'm sorry, I'm sorry ...**

The Good News and Words of Forgiveness

The Good News is:

God always wants to give us a new start!

Let's turn to the person next to us
and show that God gives them a new start.

Let's draw a smile on their forehead
and say 'God gives you a new start!'
Then let them give you a new start, too!

President God who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful,
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do

everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

For those who gave us life and breath,
for love that's stronger far than death,
today we bring our thankful hearts,
for all a mothering love imparts.

For kindness, patience, warmth and care,
for each embrace, each smile, each tear,
each word of peace, each healing touch,
these simple gifts which mean so much.

We look to you, our mothering Lord,
who shows love's cost, and love's reward,
your passion fiercer than the grave,
nailed to the world you came to save.

So teach your people how to live,
how to endure, how to forgive,
teach us to trust, to sacrifice,
to share the love that has no price.

Words Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Music: O WALY WALY Somerset folk song collected by Colin Sharp (1859-1924) (AM 165)

The Gospel

*Please remain standing and turn to face the Deacon reading the Gospel.
The choir sings and all repeat:*



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

Cantor 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 John.

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19.25b-27

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The organist improvises as the gospel party returns.

The choristers process to the front rows of the nave.

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 **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high,**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please sit.

Prayers

President God of all, in prayer, we bring you our concerns.

Voice 1 We bring our concerns for ourselves and those we love;
and concerns for the world and our sisters and brothers
in the world-wide family to which we all belong.

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

Voice 2 We pray for all the children in the world:
that they may feel affirmed and listened to;
we pray for those who are without parents
or anyone to care for them;
and especially for those who live in areas
where daily life is difficult due to war, famine or disease.

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

Voice 3 We pray for all families:
for mothers or fathers who have to cope
with bringing up children alone;
for families under strain – poor, homeless or unable to cope;
and for parents whose children have died
or who are separated from them.

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

Voice 4 We pray for those who long for children
 but for whom this is not possible.
 May God strengthen and affirm all whose lives
 take a path different from the one they expected and let them
 know they are loved and needed by others.

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

Voice 5 We pray for the family of the Church:
 for all who work for the building up of God's Kingdom
 and for all in the Church
 who nurture other people and reflect God's love,
 especially, in this cathedral,
 everyone involved in Little Seeds and Mighty Trees;
 for our choristers and all who work with them.

All God of love,
hear our prayer.

President Lord of the Church,
All **hear our prayer,**
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand.

The Peace

President Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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.

The choristers now return to their places.

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. Please look out for the credit / debit card terminals that are also available.

**Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.**

**What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
What strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.**

**How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth.
The Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.**

**Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer
that every child be given
such tenderness and care.
Where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!**

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) AM 138

Music: ELLACOMBE German melody adapted in Gesangbuch Mainz 1833 (t. NEH 117)

Please remain standing.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth in your kingdom.
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 Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us friends and families
busy streets for young and old,
the life of an earthly city
fulfilled in your city to come.
a feast for all your children.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

Choir 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

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter,
St Wilfrid and all the saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

All

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.**

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.*

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

Ave verum Corpus natum ex Maria
Virgine vere passum immolatum in
cruce pro homine. Cujus latus
perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto
nobis praegustatum in mortis
examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis
Jesu fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin
Mary, who truly suffered upon the
cross for mankind: from whose
pierced side there came forth
water and blood; give us now,
and at the time of our death,
yourself to be our food. O gentle,
holy Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Words: 14th cent.

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Prayer after Communion

President Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
 with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Banns of marriage are read and any notices may be given.

The Distribution of Flowers

After the following prayer, the children are invited to distribute the daffodils. As mentioned in the introduction, if you would like to honour the memory of your own mother or other carer who has died, then please, place the flowers on the High Altar after the service. Names added to the list there will be mentioned in prayer at morning prayer tomorrow.

President Mothering God,
 You are passionate and strong, tender and careful.
 By your Spirit,
 bless these flowers which we have prepared for others.
 let them be for us who receive them, a symbol of your love.
 May those who receive them
 be daily reminded of your love for them.

All **Amen.**

The following is sung during the distribution – please remain seated.

**Mothering God, you gave us birth,
cried and cradled, taught our worth;
companion to each joy, each hurt:
tender your love for me.**

**Mothering Christ, what grace we read,
giving your body for our need;
wine to refresh and bread to feed:
tender your love for me.**

**Mothering Spirit, gentle, strong,
teaching us where our hearts belong;
guide of our lives, breath of our song:
tender your love for me.**

**Mothering God, around your feet
sisters and brothers here we meet;
only together each complete:
tender your love for me.**

*Words: Linda Currin written in 2007 – used with permission
Music: SAFFRON WALDEN Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1925) (NEH 294)*

The Dismissal

Please stand.

The Blessing

President God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:
 God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you:
 God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.
 Almighty God bless you,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

NEH 413

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: NUN DANKET from Johann Crüger's Praxis pietatis melica c. 1647

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

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

Organ Voluntary

Final (*from* Sonata No. 1 in D minor)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Parish Visit to the Auckland Project

Saturday 25th April 2026

Places still available

£31 for coach and admission to the Auckland Project

Please see March-April newsletter for more information or contact the
Cathedral Office email: cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk or call 01765
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Services later today and this week

12.30pm Holy Eucharist (BCP) *President: Reverend Jeremy Trigg*

3.30pm Evensong

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| Responses | <i>Sumsion</i> | Hymns: 332, 368 | Psalm: 23 |
| Setting | <i>Noble</i> in B minor | | |
| Anthem | Strengthen ye, the weak hands <i>Harris</i> | | |
| Preacher | <i>Reverend Vicky Angell, Assistant Curate Benefice of Birstall & Brownhill</i> | | |

Worship this Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Evening Prayer: Monday & Saturday 5.30pm

Festal Evensong: Tuesday to Thursday 5.30pm

Choral Evensong: Friday 5.30pm

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| Monday | 9.00am | The Eucharist | President: The Dean |
| Tuesday | 9.00am | The Eucharist | President: Canon Matthew Pollard |
| | 12noon | The Eucharist | President: Canon Tony Kaunhoven |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | The Eucharist | President: Reverend Peter Ford |
| Thursday | 9.00am | The Eucharist | President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple |
| Friday | 9.00am | The Eucharist | President: Canon Michael Gisbourne |
| | 12noon | The Eucharist | President: Canon Mathew Peat |
| Saturday | 12noon | The Eucharist | President: Canon Myra Shackley |

Worship Next Sunday, 22nd March, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Eucharist (BCP) *President & Preacher: Canon Matthew Pollard*

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30am Sung Eucharist *President: The Dean*
Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) *President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple*

3.30pm Evensong

Forthcoming events

Wednesday March 18th 2.30pm Lent Lecture: Issues of Faith. Our Christian Anthropology: From Idealised Bodies to Risen Wounds: The Revd Canon Timothy Goode Admission £5.00

Thursday 19th March 1.00pm Concert. Prima Musica Students.
Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Thursday 19th March 2.00pm Lent Book Group Meeting downstairs in the Claro Lounge, Market Place South, Ripon. All are welcome – no need to book

Saturday 21st March 9.30-2.00pm Bishop's Quiet Day in the Cathedral. Led by Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon. Teas and coffees served from 9.30-10.00am. Please bring your own packed lunch. Free admission but please book a place via the Cathedral Office.

Confirmation

at Ripon Cathedral

Sunday June 7 2026



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What is Confirmation?

- Confirm the promises of baptism and affirm your faith in Jesus
- Receive a prayer for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in your Christian journey
- Mark a moment of belonging in the worldwide Church

**Choose from one of the following courses
to help you prepare**

Adult Preparation Sessions

Sundays 4.30pm - from March 22



canonmatthew@riponcathedral.org.uk

Tuesdays 7.30pm - from April 14



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Wednesdays 3.30pm - from April 1



judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk

Children and teenagers aged 11-18

Sundays 4.30pm - from March 22



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