



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8th 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, 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 Chancellor, The Revd Canon Matthew Pollard.

The Preacher is the Ven. Clive Mansell, Capitular Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

The service is sung by the boy choristers, ATB scholars and lay clerks of the cathedral choir. The setting is the *Missa brevis Capella regalis* by *Anthony Caesar (1924-2018)*.

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

Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

NEH 333

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: MICHAEL Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.**

Choir Kyrie eleison, *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison, *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *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 most dear Son went not up to joy
 but first he suffered pain,
 and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
 mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
 may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
 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 letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5.1-11

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

Please remain seated.

Gradual Psalm

The choir sings the response, which is then repeated by everyone. The response is then sung by all after each pair of verses as shown.



Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. *R*

In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. *R*

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would hearken to his voice! *R*

‘Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works. *R*

Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter into my rest.” *R*

Psalm 95

he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

John 4.5-42

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.



**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

NEH 339

Words: Irish 8th cent. tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)

Music: SLANE trad. Irish melody

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 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 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 Christ is the bread of life:
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

President 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.**

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 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 your peace.*

Motet

Crux fidelis inter omnes,
arbor una nobilis,
nulla silva talem profert,
fronde flore germine,
dulce lignum, dulces claves,
dulce pondus sustinet.

*Faithful Cross! above all other,
one and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
none in fruit your peer may be;
sweetest wood, and sweetest iron!
sweetest weight is hung on you.*

*Words: St Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530–600)
Music: John IV of Portugal (1604–56)*

Prayer after Communion

President Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Banns of marriage are read and any notices may be given, after which please stand.

The Dismissal

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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O praise our great and glorious Lord,
and call upon his name,
to strains of joy tune every chord,
his mighty acts proclaim:
tell how he freed his chosen race
from Pharaoh's heavy hand,
and led them by his sovereign grace
to seek the promised land.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
the moving fire by night,
to guide his people on their way,
and make their darkness light:
to us, the light of Christ our Lord
illumines all our ways;
he leads us by his gospel word,
and turns our sighs to praise.

We too have manna from on high,
the bread that came from heaven,
and he who brought salvation nigh
has living water given:
a rock is ours, from whence the spring
in rich abundance flows,
and Christ that rock, our priest and king,
both life and health bestows.

Come, let us prize this heavenly food,
and trust our heavenly guide,
so shall we find death's fearful flood
serene as Jordan's tide;
so safely reach th'eternal shore
no more by ills opprest;
where saints their Lord and God adore,
and in his glory rest.

NEH 116

Words: based upon verses by Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

Music: ST MATTHEW William Croft (1678-1727)

The Dismissal

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

Organ Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

If you are relatively new to the congregation, please complete one of the 'Welcome' cards so that we can arrange to get to know you better and offer you the chance to join in the Cathedral's mission and ministry.

<p>Sale of Theological Books in the South Transept. All books donated by the family of the late Reverend Geoffrey Rider All proceeds to the Cathedral's Mission.</p>

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12.30pm **Holy Eucharist (BCP)** *President: Canon Matthew Pollard*

3.30pm **Evensong**

Responses	<i>Tomkins</i>	Hymns: 359, 452	Psalm: 40
Setting	<i>Stanford in G</i>		
Anthem	O Lord, let me know mine end <i>Greene</i>		
Preacher	<i>Reverend Marc Voase, Assistant Curate, Benefice of Ilkley St Margaret</i>		

Cathedral supporting the Parishes: Canon Wendy Dalrymple is presiding at Littlethorpe this morning

Worship this Week

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday at 8.30am

Choral Evensong: Monday to Saturday 5.30pm

Monday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Peter Ford
Tuesday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Rt Revd Anna Eltringham
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Paul Spurgeon
Wednesday	10.00am	The Eucharist	President: Reverend Cliff Bowman
Thursday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple
Friday	9.00am	The Eucharist	President: Canon Matthew Pollard
	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Wilby
Saturday	12noon	The Eucharist	President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple

Worship Next Sunday, 15th Mar, 4th Sun of Lent - Mothering Sunday

8.00am **Eucharist (BCP)** *President & Preacher: Canon Michael Gisbourne*

9.30am **Morning Prayer**

10.30am **Sung Eucharist** *President: Canon Wendy Dalrymple* *Preacher: The Dean*

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

3.30pm **Evensong** *Preacher: Reverend Vicky Angell, Assistant Curate, Benefice of Birstall & Brownhill*

Forthcoming events

Wednesday March 11th 2.30pm Lent Lecture: Issues of Faith. Why Christian Care about Creation: Jo Chamberlain. Admission £5.00

Thursday 12th March 1.00pm Concert. Kris Thomsett, organ
Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission; retiring collection.

Thursday 12th March 2.00pm Lent Book Group Meeting downstairs in the Claro Lounge, Market Place South, Ripon. All are welcome – no need to book

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

Adult Preparation Sessions

Sunday 4.30pm from 22nd March; Tuesday 7.30pm from 14th April

Wednesday 3.30pm from 1st April

Children & Teenagers – ages 11-18

Sunday 4.30pm from 22nd March

For full details please refer to the March-April Newsletter