



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th April 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 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.

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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

Today, we continue our observance of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. This is a single period of festival with the tone of joy created at Easter sustained through the following seven weeks and the church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Here at Ripon Cathedral, we lit the Easter Candle at Easter and it remains, standing prominently in the Cathedral for all services in this Easter season. The tone of celebration is maintained by the use of the word “Alleluia”, (often translated praise the Lord), which appears frequently in all Easter services both in the Liturgy and in the music. Similarly, the clergy wear their white or gold vestments and the flowers emphasise the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day of Easter the church has, from the fourth century, celebrated Christ’s ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work and he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the 50-day Easter festival.

About this service

The President is Revd Canon Wendy Wilby Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The Preacher is The Canon Precentor, The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne.

The service is sung by Quorum, directed by Chris Williams and accompanied by George Finney, to the *Missa Simile est regnum caelorum* by *Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)*.

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

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

There is no Children’s Church today. The summer term begins next Sunday.

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Words of welcome are given by The Dean.

The Gathering

Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day!
We too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry. *Alleluia!*

He whose path no records tell,
who descended into hell;
who the strong man armed hath bound,
now in highest heaven is crowned. *Alleluia!*

Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven. *Alleluia!*

Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day thy people feed;
take our sins and guilt away,
that we all may sing for ay, *Alleluia!*

NEH 105
WORDS: German, Michael Weiße (c 1480–1534) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878)
MUSIC: WÜRTEMBERG later form of a melody in Hundert Arien Dresden 1694
adapted W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

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.**

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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 Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

President Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
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.**

Gloria in excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae
voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus
te, Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, Suscipe
deprecationem nostram.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe. Cum sancto spiritu in
Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord. You alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.*

Please remain standing.

The Collect

President Let us pray:
Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

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

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19-end

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

The 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 We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Please sit. This response is used after each petition:

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

And at the end:

Intercessor Jesus, Lord of life,
All **in your mercy, hear us.
accept our prayers, and be with us always.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia!

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

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.



Alleluia! Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

NEH 103

WORDS: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

MUSIC: LUX EO! Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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 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 Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

President 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 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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory:

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

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion.
If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the administrant. 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.*

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 peace.*

Motet

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria
Virgine vere passum immolatum in
cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et
sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in
mortis examine.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin
Mary: You who truly suffered and
were sacrificed on the cross for the
sake of man. 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.*

*Words: 14th century hymn attributed to Pope Innocent VI
Music: Peter Mark Shelley*

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Notices

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

The Dismissal

President God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our Leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

NEH 124

Words: Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Music: ST FULBERT Henry Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Deacon
All

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542i)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)