



RIPON CATHEDRAL

The Advent Carol Service

Advent Sunday
28th November 2021
5.30pm

Welcome to the Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since St Wilfrid founded the Cathedral in 672 AD. The cathedral crypt is the oldest part of any English cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there for almost 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.

Coronavirus

Ripon Cathedral continues to follow the guidance issued by the national church, which is regularly updated to take account of the most recent government advice. Consequently, it has been decided to continue to suspend the common cup (the chalice) at the administration of holy communion.

Following the Government's advice, the wearing of masks is encouraged when moving around the cathedral.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available. Please ask those who welcomed you if you would like one.



An induction loop system is also in operation for hearing aid users.

Please switch off your mobile phone before the service begins.

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Welcome to this Advent Procession and Carol Service as we begin the Church's new year.

Advent is a time of expectation: the word itself means 'coming'. It recalls ancient Israel's hope for the advent of the Messiah and it also expresses the Christian hope for the fulfilment of God's Kingdom in the second coming of Christ.

Processions, outside and inside churches, form some of the earliest drama. This service is a journey. The procession of the choir moves from the east, the Advent Responsory being sung in the Quire. The choir then process, with candles, around the congregation to the West door enveloping the congregation in the worship. The Advent Prose is sung at the West door. The choir then make their way through the congregation as the first congregational hymn is sung. Congregational candles are lit at this point as the light has been symbolically brought from the High Altar by the Choir to the congregation. As the service progresses the Cathedral gradually gets brighter. The final responsory is sung by the choir at the West door leading us out into the world to share the light of Christ.

The words and music seek to enable us to worship God, who calls us to do his will and make the world what he created it to be – full of his glory.

“The Kingdom of God is about the will of God for this earth here below ... it is about the transformation of this world into holiness, not the evacuation of this world into heaven.”

John Dominic Crossan

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir.

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

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

The Cathedral is dimly lit.

The Gathering

Please remain seated.

Introduction and Bidding Prayer

The Dean It is time for us to wake out of sleep, for deliverance is nearer to us now than it was when first we believed. It is far on in the night; day is near. Let us therefore cast off the deeds of darkness and put on our armour as soldiers of the light.

The grace and peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

My brothers and sisters, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ. Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

The whole congregation prays silently, after which the Dean draws the prayers together in the Collect for Advent Sunday.

The Collect

The Dean Almighty God,
 give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and to put on the armour of light,
 now in the time of this mortal life,
 in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Silence

The Choir, which has gathered in the quire, sings:

The Advent Responsory

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Words: Matin Responsory, Advent Sunday
Music: from a Nunc Dimittis by G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

Please stand as the procession moves from the quire to the West End whilst the organist plays. The Choir then sings the Advent Prose and the congregation joins in with the Antiphon.

The Advent Prose

Antiphon.

Drop down_ ye heav-ens from_ a - bove,___
and let the skies pour_ down right - eous - ness.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

All

***Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

All

***Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

All

***Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer.

All

***Drop down ye heavens from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.***

Music: Rorate Caeli, Mode i

Processional Hymn

During the procession the congregation's hand-held candles are lit.

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone
far from the face of God's dear Son.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
who madest all in earth and sky,
creating man from dust and clay:
to us reveal salvation's way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, O come, Adonāi,
who in thy glorious majesty
from Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
gavest thy folk the ancient law.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from those dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
the royal door fling wide and free;
safeguard for us the heavenward road,
and bar the way to death's abode.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
pour on our souls thy healing light;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...

**O come, Desire of nations! show
thy kingly reign on earth below;
thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
restore the ruin of our fall.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

NEH 11

*Words: Ancient Advent Antiphons, tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors
Music: VENI EMMANUEL Melody adapted from a French Missal by T. Helmore (1811-1890)*

The censuring of the altar takes place.

Prayers of Penitence

The Dean When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
 Therefore in the light of Christ we confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of
your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

The Dean You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
 Christ, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

The Dean You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
 Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The Dean Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom
 that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open your eyes to
 God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy
 of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

*Please sit. You are invited to keep your candle lit until after the third reading. If,
however, you extinguish it earlier, please keep it upright for a few seconds to
minimise the risk of spilt candle wax.*

The Word of God

The First Reading

Read by Rev'd Canon Penny Yeadon, Area Dean of Wensley Deanery.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1.1-5

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

Please stand.

Hymn

**Hills of the North, rejoice;
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice;
Him who made earth and skies;
He comes in righteousness and love;
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze,
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn;
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn.
The God whom you have longed to know,
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest,
In whom the dawn has come;
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North they come,
From East, and West, and South.
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.**

NEH 7

Words: Charles Oakley (1832-1865)

Music: LITTLE CORNARD Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Please sit.

The Second Reading

Read by Rev'd Jane Brown, Rector of Garforth.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the LORD have created it.

Isaiah 45.2-8

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

Anthem

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with Him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the way of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

Behold my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*Text: Words drawn from the Book of Ecclesiasticus and Psalm 119
Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

The Third Reading

Read by Graham Almond, a member of the Chaplaincy team at Ripon Cathedral.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

Isaiah 60. 1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

A&M 42

Words: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Tune: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Please sit and extinguish your candles keeping them upright for a few seconds to minimise the risk of spilt candle wax.

The Fourth Reading

Read by Richard Knockton, Ripon Cathedral Churchwarden.

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest as people exult when dividing plunder. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9. 2-3 & 6-7

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race; it blooms without a blight, it blooms without a blight, it blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing; our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

The Fifth Reading

Read by Janet Slater, member of the Cathedral community.

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
'Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!' Alleluia!
The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna!
Let us prepare to follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
From earth and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluia!
Grant us to raise to length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

NEH 16

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) tr. F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Music: WACHET AUF Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Harmony by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel reader.

The Gospel

The choir sings and all repeat:



Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit when the Gospel procession has returned.

Anthem

I sing of a maiden
That is makeless:
King of all kinges
To her son she ches.

He came all so stille
There his mother was,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the grass.

He came all so stille
Where his mother lay,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the spray.

He came all so stille
To his mother's bower,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the flower.

Mother and maiden
Was never none but she;
Well may such a lady
Godes mother be.

*Words: Anonymous English c. 1400
Music: Lennox Berkeley (1903-89)*

The Prayers

The response to each petition is

Come, Lord Jesus!

Intercessor

In the times when we find it hard to pray.
In the times when we are too occupied by busyness.
In the times when we stop working for the Kingdom.
In the times when we find it hard to forgive.
In the times when we lack compassion towards our neighbours.
In the times when we want only to think of ourselves.
In the times when we do not want to get involved in social issues.
In the times when we want to have more material possessions.
In the times when we put off living as if this day is the last.
In the times when we fail to long for you.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of God's Kingdom,
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Please stand.

Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new;
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

Refrain

**Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes, Jesus comes!
*We will make him welcome!***

*Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: PERSONENT HODIE Melody from Piaae Cantiones 1582
arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

The Dismissal Gospel

Please remain standing.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

John 3.16-21

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

The Blessing

The Dean Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-1799) included in Wesley's Select Hymns 1765

Please remain standing.

The Final Responory

Arise, shine, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; and the gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising. And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

Music: adapted from G. P. da Palestrina (1525-94)

The Dean The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.
Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.
All **Even so, Lord, come.**

The Dean O Lord Jesus Christ, come
All **at evening time, with light,**

The Dean and in the morning, with your glory,
All **to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The Dean He who receives our prayers says:
Surely I come quickly.
I am the root and offspring of David,
I am the bright and morning star.
All **Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

Organ Voluntary

Carillon Orléanais

Henri Nibelle (1883-1967)