



RIPON

CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

with the enthronement of
the Child Bishop

Sunday 6th December 2020

10.30am

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 compulsory unless you fall into an exempt category.

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. Photography and video/audio recording by members of the congregation is not permitted during the service.

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Welcome to this Service

Today on St Nicholas' Day we practice an ancient custom of English cathedrals when we enthrone a child bishop as bishop for the day. This bit of fun was widespread in Europe for more than three hundred years often joined to the celebrations of St Nicholas, patron saint of children. More seriously it makes the theological point that children are infinitely precious in God's sight and exemplifies the Magnificat text: 'He [God] hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.'

In addition, today, in the spirit of St Nicholas who was generous in giving to poor children, we offer Christmas gifts for young people and children in need in our area. The gifts will be distributed later by the Salvation Army Food Bank.

The President is the Rev'd Canon Ailsa Newby, Canon Pastor.

The Preacher is the Rev'd Canon Michael Gisbourne, Canon Precentor.

The service is sung by the Lay Clerks of Ripon Cathedral and the mass setting is Missa Pretioso sanguine by David Pisaro (b.1975)

The flower display is kindly provided by the Ripon Cathedral flower guild.

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Children's Church, which usually takes place during this service, is suspended this week as the children stay with the adults to enthrone one of their number as child bishop for the day. There are craft packs available to keep smaller children occupied. Just ask at the west door

Singing at Ripon Cathedral

We are delighted that the Lay Clerks will sing on our behalf. However, congregational singing is not permitted.

Giving to support the work of the Cathedral

No collection is taken during the service, but a plate is left by the door as you leave for your offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. If you are a tax payer, please use one of the gift aid envelopes in the seats. If you would prefer to give by card, there is a terminal by the West door. If you would prefer to set up a bank transfer, please use these details.

Account Name:	Ripon Cathedral PCC Fund
Sort Code	05 07 17
Account Number:	35697334

Words of welcome from the Dean or Canon in Residence.

The Gathering

Please stand.

As the ministers enter, you are invited to meditate on these words as the organist improvises on the tune.

Hymn

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.*

NEH 12

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749) translated by John Chandler (1808–76)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690

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.

Words of welcome and introduction to 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 at the Advent Wreath

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

President Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:
 soften our proud and stubborn hearts.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:
 teach us to forgive one another.
 Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:
 direct us in your way of righteousness.
 Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Choir	<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord have mercy
	<i>Christe eleison</i>	Christ have mercy
	<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	Lord have mercy.

The Absolution

President The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Lighting of a candle on the Advent Wreath

The second candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

All **Lord Jesus, light of the world,
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

 O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

A reading from the second letter of Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow

about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

(2 Peter 3.8-15a)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as an organ fanfare heralds the Gospel.

The Gospel

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

(Mark 1.1-8)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A short organ fanfare is played after which you are invited to sit.

Sermon

A short silence is kept after the sermon after which please stand.

The Creed

President Let us affirm, our common faith in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

President Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

President This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Please sit.

The Enthronement of the Child Bishop

*The Canon Pastor, standing before the Dean with the Child Bishop-elect,
addresses the Dean.*

Canon Pastor Dean John, I present to you, John, whom, you approving and
God willing, we would install as Child Bishop.

Dean John, do you desire to become the Child Bishop?
Child Bishop-elect: I do.

Dean Blessed is the one who puts their trust in the Lord.

John, you have been chosen to serve in the office of Child
Bishop in the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Wilfrid,
Ripon. Will you be faithful and keep the promises made for you
in holy baptism?

Child Bishop-elect I will, the Lord being my helper.

Dean While you hold this office, will you pray regularly for the members of this Cathedral Foundation and for all those who need your prayers?

Child Bishop-elect I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Child Bishop elect kneels and says this collect:

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Dean The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord strengthen you to serve him
all the days of your life.

All Amen.

The child bishop is robed in stole, chasuble and pectoral cross and place the mitre on his head.

When the Child Bishop has been vested, the Dean conducts him to his Cathedra, flanked by his Canons. The Dean then invests him with the crozier and says

Dean John we do deliver into your hands the pastoral staff
and install you in the chair pertaining to your office with all
and singular its rights and privileges.
May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth, for evermore.

All Amen.

The Canon Pastor gives the Child Bishop two pence, which is the traditional stipend of his office. (intended to cover the cost of candles that were used during the service—a charge that was required by the thirteenth-century cathedral statutes of Gloucester). The Child Bishop standing facing the people, and holding the Bishop's crosier says,

Child Bishop The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Child Bishop Jesus said to the disciples,
"Truly I say to you whoever does not receive the kingdom of
God like a child shall never enter it."

All Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Who made heaven and earth.

Child Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All **Now and evermore. Amen.**

The Child Bishop moves to the lectern to lead the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Child Bishop Let us pray
As St Nicholas is the patron saint of children, let us pray for all
children and young people; for the schools of our city and
county; for children who are unhappy or who are ill-treated; for
all who enjoy little childhood; for all who care for children, for
parents and teachers; and for a spirit of simplicity and trust in
all that we do.

Give us, O God, humble hearts, and the true courage that
shows itself in gentleness, the true wisdom that shows itself in
simplicity, and the true power that shows itself in modesty;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Xander As St Nicholas - Santa Claus - is associated with giving at
Christmas, let us pray for a spirit of generosity in our own lives:
generosity with our time and talents; generosity with our
possessions; and generosity in our judgement of others.
Lord Jesus, born in a stable, teach us not to think so much
about what we have that we lose the sense of the true value of
life. Spirit of Love, inspire us with generosity towards people
who are in need and bless all the people who receive at
Christmas the gifts we offer today.

All **Amen.**

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

Please stand.

The Child Bishop and his deacon moves to the altar to stand with the President for the Peace

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Child Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The following is sung as the bread and wine are placed upon the altar.

*Deus tu convertens vivificabis nos: et
plebs tua laetabitur in te. Ostende
nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam:
et salutare tuum da nobis.*

Will you not give us life again:
that your people may rejoice in
you? Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.

*Words Offertory for the Second Sunday of Advent
Music: Plainsong*

President Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

All **Amen.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Lord by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free
you are the Saviour of the world.**

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 the 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 or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President Awaiting his coming in glory
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,

Eat in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All The Body of Christ keep you in eternal life
 Amen.**

We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive a Blessing, please come up with this service sheet in your hand. Please move to the altar rails as directed by sidespeople. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister when receiving Communion.

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

*Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus
suis placuit Deo, et inventus justus.* *Behold a great priest who in his time
pleased God, and has been found to
be just.*

*Words: Antiphon, Common of Confessor Bishops, Roman Rite
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)*

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices and Banns of marriage may be given.

The Dismissal

Child Bishop

May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you.

All **Amen.**

President

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 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

President

As we await our Saviour's coming,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Choir, Clergy, Child Bishop and his Deacon process out to greet congregation at the door

Organ Voluntary