



# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## Advent Carol Service

6<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## Welcome to this Service

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 in the liturgy. Although we are unable to process this year as in previous years, this service still represents a journey. This is a journey from darkness to light.

As the Advent Responsory is sung the Ministers process, with candles, around the congregation to the West door enveloping the congregation in the worship and the light of their candles. They then make their way through the congregation with their candles symbolising everyone being illuminated with the light of Christ. As the service progresses, the Cathedral gradually gets brighter. After the final responsory is sung by the Lay Clerks, we leave through the West door to 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 grow God's Kingdom so that the world will be as he created it to be—full of his glory.

## About This Service

The service is sung by the Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir.

## Singing at Ripon Cathedral

We are delighted that the Lay Clerks will sing on our behalf. However, sadly, 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.

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# The Gathering

*The Dean greets the major of Ripon and the civic party.*

*Please stand as the ministers process to the West End and back to the Choir stalls whilst the Lay Clerks sing the Advent Responsoy.*

## The Advent Responsoy

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 leadest 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.

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?

*Words: Matin Responsoy, Advent Sunday*

*Music: from a Magnificat by G. P. da Palestrina (1525-94)*

## 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 celebrate at this time 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 of Advent Sunday.*

## The Collect

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 is kept.*

## The Advent Prose

Choir

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

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.

*Drop down ye heavens from above, ...*

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.

*Drop down ye heavens from above, ...*

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.

*Drop down ye heavens from above, ...*

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.

*Drop down ye heavens from above, ...*

*Music: Rorate Caeli, Mode i*

## 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.**

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

All

**Christ, have mercy.**

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.*

# The Word of God

## The First Reading

*Read by The Rt. Worshipful The Mayor of the Ripon, Councillor Eamon Parkin.*

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.**

## Hymn

*Lay Clerks*

*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 (1832-65)

Music: LITTLE CORNARD Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

## The Second Reading

*Read by Rev'd Robb Wainwright, Associate Priest for Burton Leonard & Bishop  
Monkton within the cathedral benefice.*

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)*

This is the word of the Lord.

All

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

*Words: John 1.19-23*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

## The Third Reading

*Read by Rachel Jefferies of the Cathedral community.*

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 60.1-5a]*

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

## Hymn

*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)*

## **The Fourth Reading**

*Read by John Sayer, member of the Cathedral community.*

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]*

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

## Anthem

Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night. The Lord is His Name. O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endureth for ever. Who hath made great lights, the sun to rule the day, the moon and stars to govern the night. O give thanks unto the Lord, who hath made great lights, for His mercy endureth for ever. Seek ye Him that maketh the seven stars; the Lord is his name, seek ye Him. I look for Thee, O Lord, Thee, O Lord, my soul doth wait for Thee, before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch, my soul doth wait for the Lord. Hear my voice from the deep, I call, Oh, hear my voice. Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning. O give thanks unto the Lord, who hath made great lights, for His mercy endureth for ever. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healèd me, and brought my soul from out of hell, and turn'd my heaviness to gladness. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, the night is clear as day. Seek Him that maketh the seven stars, the Lord is his name, seek ye Him, seek ye Him.

*Words: from 'The light of Life' E. Capel Cure (1828-1890)*

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

## The Fifth Reading

*Read by Rev'd Martin Fletcher, Area Dean of Richmond.*

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.**

## 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 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.**

## 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.*

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*

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

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*

*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!*

*NEH 10*

*Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Music: PERSONENT HODIE Melody from Piaie Cantiones 1582*

# The Dismissal

## The Dismissal Gospel

*Please stand.*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All**                    **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)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All**                    **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.**

## Hymn

*Please remain standing.*

*Choir*                *Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ 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.*

*NEH 9*

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*Music: Melody noted by T. Olivers (1725-99) 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.

**All**                Come, O Lord, comfort the soul of your servant.  
**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

*Chorale Prelude: WACHET AUF*

*Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); Harmony by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) (BWV 645)*