



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

**Candlemas
Festal Eucharist**

Tuesday 2nd February 2021
7.30pm

Welcome to the Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this online act of worship. Christian worship has taken place at Ripon Cathedral 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.

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Welcome to this Service

This service celebrates the Festal Eucharist of Candlemas. We trust that is joining in this act of worship you will enjoy the images of the cathedral candle displays.

Simeon's final words in the Gospel reading move our attention away from the celebration of the 40 days of Christmas and Epiphany, towards Christ's passion and the mysteries of Easter.

As we worship, we pray that we may all encounter God and be filled with God's life and love, and that we may reach out to include others in sharing our joy.

The President is The Very Rev'd John Dobson, Dean of Ripon.

The Preacher is The Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon.

The service is sung by the Lay Clerks and the Mass setting is *Messa a tre voci* by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740). *This was recorded before the current restrictions on movement and before the Lay Clerks were furloughed.*

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The Gathering

Greeting

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

President The Lord of glory be with you.
All The Lord bless you.

Dear friends,
forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple,
when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people.
As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified,
as we now come to him for cleansing.
In their old age Simeon and Anna
recognised him as their Lord,
as we today sing of his glory.
In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming
and his searching judgement,
looking back to the day of his birth,
and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Prayers of Penitence

President Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and confess them in penitence and faith.
cf John 8.12

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

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.

Collect

President Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

The Collect is said after a period of silent prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

[Malachi 3. 1-4]

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

The Blessing of the Candles

President May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.
All **The Lord bless you.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
You make our darkness to be light.
For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.
All **Blessed be God for ever!**

President Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal temple where you live and reign,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

The candles are censed.

President We wait for your loving kindness, O Lord.
All **In the midst of your temple.**

President Open to us the gates of righteousness.
All **That we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

President God is the Lord who has shown us light.
All **Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation of great gladness.**

President Let us proceed in peace.
All **In the name of Christ our light.**

Processional Hymn

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.*

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!*

NEH 52

Words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811–1875)

Music: WAS LEBET Rheinhardt MS 1754

An organ fanfare heralds the Gospel.

The Gospel

President Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in substance of our mortal nature.

All Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Choir:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

(Luke 2. 22–40)

Gospel Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

A short organ fanfare is played.

Sermon

Affirmation of faith

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

President Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and
life.

Intercessor Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:

All Look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Intercessor Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:

All Look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Intercessor Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:

All Look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Intercessor Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find
their peace:

All Look in mercy on the departed, who see your salvation.

Intercessor Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:
All **Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.**

Intercessor Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna
and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God
the dayspring from on high has broken 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 light and peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

President Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Light and Peace.

Preparation of the Altar

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee.
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessèd ones to reign.*

*Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run.*

NEH 205

Words: Latin c. 7th century Translated J. M. Neale (1818–1866)

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Bread and wine presented at the Altar which is then censed.

President Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

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.

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him
to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

*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.

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.

All

Great is the mystery of faith:
**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.

The Lord's Prayer

President Believing the promises 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

All We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.

Individuals at home may wish to pray this prayer themselves.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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.

Prayer after Communion

President Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to
eternal life; for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.

All Amen.

President Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

All Amen.

President Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All Amen.

President And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

President Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in D

Franz Schmidt (1874-1939)