



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

**Festal Eucharist for
the Epiphany**

Wednesday 6th January 2021
7.30pm

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 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.



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Welcome to this Service

We welcome you to this act of worship. Whatever has brought you here today, we trust that you will find yourself more aware of God through the words, prayers and music.

The word 'Epiphany' is Greek for 'manifestation, showing forth, revealing'. Today we remember Jesus being shown to wise men from the East who symbolise all the nations of the earth worshipping our Incarnate God and offering rich and rare gifts – gold for a king; incense for God; myrrh for one who will suffer and die. These three gifts are offered at the Crib today as a sign of our adoration and recognition that Jesus is our Lord and God with us. Our Epiphany prayer is that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess he is Lord. The Baptism and Jesus' first miracle at the Wedding in Cana are celebrated in this season – 'Epiphanies' which reveal Jesus' true nature. We pray that our lives in this Cathedral Community may reveal him in all we say and do.

As we worship today in this Cathedral church, 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 Rev'd Canon Ailsa Newby, Canon Pastor.

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

The service is sung by the Lay Clerks and the Mass setting is the *Mass for three voices* by *William Byrd (1543-1623)*.

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

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.

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The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter to joyful music.

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

All Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

All Let us proceed in peace
In the name of the Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

During the following hymn sung by the Lay Clerks, the President makes her way to the Crib.

<i>From the eastern mountains</i>	<i>There their Lord and Saviour</i>
<i>Pressing on they come,</i>	<i>As an infant lay,</i>
<i>Wise men in their wisdom,</i>	<i>Wondrous light that led them</i>
<i>To his humble home;</i>	<i>Onward on their way,</i>
<i>Stirred by deep devotion,</i>	<i>Ever now to lighten</i>
<i>Hasting from afar,</i>	<i>Nations from afar,</i>
<i>Ever journeying onward,</i>	<i>As they journey homeward</i>
<i>Guided by a star.</i>	<i>By that guiding star.</i>

*Thou who in a manger
Once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory
O'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the peoples,
Who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness
Of thy guiding star.*

Acclamations at the Presentation of the Gifts at the Crib

At the offering of gold:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in the fire,
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh:

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The President returns to the Altar.

*Onward through the darkness
Of the lonely night,
Shining still before them
With thy kindly light,
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,
Homeward from afar,
Young and old together,
By thy guiding star.*

*Until every nation,
Whether bond or free,
'Neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follows thee,
O'er the distant mountains
To that heavenly home
Where nor sin nor sorrow
Evermore shall come.*

NEH 50

Words: Godfrey Thring (1823 – 1903)

Music: EVELYNS W. H. MONK (1823-1889) (NEH 338)

Prayers of Penitence

President The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

President May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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 eternal life.

All Amen.

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Altar is censed during the Gloria.

*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
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.

The Collect

President Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh,
let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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

First Reading

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, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

(Isaiah 60.1-6)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel

Please stand as an organ fanfare heralds the Gospel.

Gospel Reader Alleluia. Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

Gospel Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "and you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he

sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

(Matthew 2.1-12)

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

After the sermon, please stand.

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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

- Intercessor Today the wise men knelt before our Saviour.
Let us also kneel to worship him with great joy,
and to make our prayer to his heavenly Father.
- Father, the wise men came from the east to worship your Son:
grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration.
Bless Nicholas our Bishop, our Diocese, and Cathedral Church.
Lord, in your mercy
- All hear our prayer.**
- Father, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords:
grant an abundance of peace to your world.
Lord, in your mercy
- All hear our prayer.**
- Father, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor:
show your love for the poor and powerless,
and strengthen those who suffer.
Lord, in your mercy
- All hear our prayer.**
- Father, the wise men presented to your Son gold,
incense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of
our hearts at the beginning of this new year.
Lord, in your mercy
- All hear our prayer.**
- Father, you are the King of heaven,
the hope of all who trust in you:
give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy
- All hear our prayer.**
- Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Joseph, wise men, shepherds and angels,
we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.
- Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

President Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

(cf. Isaiah 9.6,7)

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

The Lay Clerks sing as the bread and wine are presented at the Altar which is censed.

*As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.*

*Holy Jesu, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.*

*In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
thou its Sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.*

NEH 47

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: DIX adapted from C. Kocher (1788-1872) by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

President Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

All
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Wilfrid
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Giving of Communion

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 advenit Dominator Dominus: et regnum in manu eius, et potestas, et imperium.
Deus, iudicium tuum regi da: et justitiam tuam filio regis.

*Behold, the Lord and Master has come: with his rule, his power, and his authority in his hand.
O God, give the king your judgments: and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.*

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Words: William Byrd (c 1540–1623) Gradualia 1607

Music: Introit, Mass of the Epiphany after Mal. 3:1; 1 Chron 29.12; Ps 72.1

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light,
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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 We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.

All Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Epiphanie

Organ Voluntary

Gaston Litaize (1909-91)