



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Choral Evensong

with prayers
following the death of
His Royal Highness
The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh

Friday 16th April 2021

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.

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Welcome to this Service

This service of Evensong takes place in this Cathedral every day of the year, either as a choral service or said Evening Prayer. Today's service has a special poignancy as we include prayers following the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The contribution of His Royal Highness to the life of this nation, the Commonwealth and the world community is without question. We remember particularly his care for the natural world as President of the World Wildlife Fund and think of the inordinate number of people who have benefitted from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

It is fitting that we give thanks to God for the service His Royal Highness gave to her Majesty the Queen, nation and Commonwealth. We also pray for comfort and strength for the Queen and all members of the royal family. And in this season of Easter, remembering the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we pray for the soul of Prince Philip, commending him to God's safe and sure keeping.

We are pleased to be joined by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner and by other members of the regional, military and cathedral communities.

This service is sung by the Lay Clerks of the cathedral choir.

The responses are by *Bernard Rose (1916-1996)*.

The canticles are sung to the Magdalen Service by *Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*.

Words of welcome by the Dean.

Please stand.

As the ministers enter, the choir sings the hymn.

Choir *Eternal Father, strong to save,
 whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
 who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

NEH 354

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878)

Music: MELITA J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)

The Introduction

The Dean

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life;
he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11.25,26

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised to the glory of
God the Father, grace, mercy and peace be with you. As we
meet this day, we remember before God His Royal Highness
Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We renew our trust and confidence
in Christ, and pray that together we may be one in him,
through whom we offer our prayers and praises to the Father.

Preces

Cantor

O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir

and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor

O God, make speed to save us,

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Cantor

Praise ye the Lord,

Choir

The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit.

Psalm

Choir

The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against
them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

Please stand.

Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.
Amen.

Please sit.

The First Lesson

Read by the Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Wisdom 3. 1-9

A short silence follows the reading.

Magnificat

Please stand.

Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Luke 1.-46-55

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.
Amen.

Please sit.

The Second Lesson

Read by Mrs April Martin, a holder of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme gold award and who introduced the award scheme to Spring Hill School, Ripon around 40 years ago.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24.1-12

A short silence follows the reading.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

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.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.
Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

A formal affirmation of Christian belief. All who feel able are invited to join in.

The Dean I believe in God
All **the Father Almighty,**
 maker of heaven and earth:
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.

The Lesser Litany

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Cantor Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.
Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Choir 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.
 Amen.

The Responses

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the Queen.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
 but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Cantor Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our
 sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put
 away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may
 always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the
 merits of the same Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

The Collect for Peace

Cantor O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot
give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy
commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Cantor Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem

Choir Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return:
for so thou didst ordain, when thou created me saying:
“Dust thou art und unto dust shalt thou return.”
All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o’er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Eastern Orthodox Memorial Service; tr. W. J. Birkbeck (1869-1916)
Music: Kontakion (Kiev Melody) arr. W. Parratt (1841-1924)

Reflection

Given by The Dean.

Choir

The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Fulfilled is all that David told
in true prophetic song of old,
the universal Lord is he,
who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,
elect on whose triumphal breast
those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms so widely flung,
the weight of this world's ransom hung,
the price of humankind to pay
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

O cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may the power with us prevail
to give new virtue to the saint,
and pardon to the penitent.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
whom by the cross thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

NEH 79 (v. 1, 3-6)

Words: Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-c.609) tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Music: GONFALON ROYAL Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The Prayers

Minister In peace let us pray.

As we mourn the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, we give thanks for his life of service and we pray that he may rest in peace.

Creator of heaven and earth
you give us breath and call us to live with you.
We thank for the life of your servant Philip,
for all the good things he gave to others,
and for his faithful service.
Remember him in death,
grant him rest and peace
and open the way to life with you for ever
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Minister We give thanks for the hope of heaven and we pray for all who mourn remembering especially Her Majesty the Queen and all the royal family.

God of the living and the dead,
when you raised Jesus from death,
you gave new hope to his desolate disciples.
Comfort our Queen and her family in their time of grief
and be close to all who mourn this day.
May your love sustain us through our time on earth
and we entrust to you those whom we love
but see no longer
In the name of Jesus our Saviour.

All Amen.

Please stand.

Minister And now let us keep silence to remember The Prince before God.

The Grace

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

National Anthem

Choir

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save The Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign;
May she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen!

NEH 489

Words; Anonymous

*Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM origin obscure,
popularised 1745 by T. A. Arne (1710-1778)*

Organ Voluntary

Prelude for Strings in F minor (Op. 25)

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956) arr. Alan Ridout