



RIPON CATHEDRAL

Service of commemoration of Founders and Benefactors

Sunday 18th October 2020

3:30pm

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.

Following the Government's advice, the wearing of masks is compulsory unless you are in one of the exempt categories or leading the worship.

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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Foreword from The Dean

Welcome to this Commemoration of Founders and Benefactors. A special welcome to Richard Compton Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, David Kerfoot, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire and Cllr Eamon Parkin, Mayor of Ripon. Sadly the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions prevent many from the Cathedral community and wider supporters from joining us in the Cathedral. But I am delighted to welcome them through Youtube as this service is being live streamed. This service takes place as we celebrate one of our Patronal Festivals. St Wilfrid made a remarkable contribution to the spread of the gospel in this land and the uniting of the church and people in the 7th and very early 8th century. By building a large, well-endowed stone church on this site, St. Wilfrid began the long history of the cathedral church we are privileged to belong to today. His crypt, still part of this church, bears witness to an unbroken line of prayer and worship going back over thirteen hundred years and surviving periods of conflict and great social and political change. The crypt is still a destination for pilgrims today. Symbolising the empty tomb of the risen Christ, it speaks of the great foundation of faith on which the Church always stands and which is the source of the good news and hope it offers the world.

A commemoration of founders and benefactors within this act of worship invites us to give thanks for the contribution of each generation to the life and mission of the Church in Ripon, going back even beyond Wilfrid to the first community of Celtic monks who settled here in the middle of the 7th century. It reminds us that people of commitment and generosity have always been needed, and that the Church has served and depended upon every part of society, as it still does today. In the service we name many who have played a prominent role in our development, but also remember that countless more, whose names are not recorded, have made a positive difference. Inspired by them, we respond to the invitation, following the prayer of general thanksgiving, to commit ourselves anew to God's service in and through this cathedral and the region it serves.

We welcome all those in the Cathedral or at home who represent our partners this afternoon. Many of the cathedral's partners and friends are those who make a huge contribution to the community and civil society through their professional work and voluntary service. This is across the private, public and voluntary sectors; and within small organisations and region-wide institutions and networks. An additional benefit which I particularly value is the opportunity that this service gives me to thank everyone who supports Ripon Cathedral. Some give money, others time and skills, many pray for us: and I am pleased to say, there are growing numbers who contribute in all these ways. No one's offering is taken for granted. Thank you! I speak for the whole Chapter when I say how grateful we are to everyone.

We also welcome this afternoon the churchwardens of the Cathedral benefice as they come to be admitted to their office for the coming year. We thank both them and God for all that they do to further the ministry of Christ's church in this area.

Please, do enjoy this service, giving thanks to God for his grace and charity that have been seen in every generation of this cathedral church and are still seen in the lives of those who contribute to its ongoing mission. In this unusual year we have seen how much the region appreciates the prayerful support of the Cathedral that this contribution makes possible.

Dean John

Music at Ripon Cathedral

It is now over twelve years since the first edition of *the 'Music at Ripon Cathedral'* book was published. Of the original 1,500 copies produced, only about 36 now remain in stock at the Cathedral Shop.

As a result, a new edition is being published and today copies of this book are available for the first time, after this service.

The author Malcolm Beer and co-author Howard Crawshaw have undertaken to finance a small-scale limited-edition private production of this second edition.

Copies of the book are available for a gift-aided donation of a minimum of £20. Music Custodians will be presented with a complimentary copy.

Before the Service

At 3.20 p.m. The Dean greets the High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, Mr David Kerfoot MBE DL and the Mayor of Ripon, Cllr Eamon Parkin and escorts them to their seats.

At 3.25 p.m. The Dean greets HM Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Richard Compton and escorts him to his seat. The congregation stands. When the Deputy Lieutenant is seated, the congregation sits.

At 3.26 pm The Dean welcomes the congregation. He is then verged to join the Cathedral procession. Please stand at the entry of the procession.

Welcome and Introduction

Dean Today we come together to our Cathedral Church, people of the City, County and Diocese, to commemorate before God, our founders and benefactors, known and unknown, and to give thanks for all who through generosity and faithful service enrich the life of this Cathedral and City today.

As our Saviour taught us, so let us pray.

Canon Professor Joyce Hill prays the Lord's Prayer in Anglo-Saxon.

Fæder ure, þu þe eart on heofonum, si þin nama gehalgod.
Tobecume þin rice. Gewurþe ðin willa on eorðan swa swa
on heofonum. Urne gedæghwamlican hlaf syle us todæg.
And forgyf us ure gyltas, swa swa we forgyfað ðam ðe wið
us agyltað. And ne gelæd þu us on costnunge, ac alys us of
yfele. Sy hit swa.

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. Amen.**

Please sit while the choir sings the Psalm.

Choir O praise God in his holiness :
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts :
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet :
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances :
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals :
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath :
praise the Lord

Please stand. 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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Read by Mr David Kerfoot MBE DL, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valour; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes – all these were honoured in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children.

Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their offspring will continue for ever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation. The assembly declares their wisdom, and the congregation proclaims their praise.

[Ecclesiasticus 44. 1-15]

A pause for reflection follows the reading, after which all stand.

Jubilate Deo

Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Words: Psalm 100

Music: Charles Macpherson (1870-1927)

Please sit.

Second Reading

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew.

Canon Professor Joyce Hill reads the Anglo-Saxon version.

lesus sæde: 'Ge synt eorþan sealt. Gyf þæt sealt awyrð on þam, hit ne mæg syððan to nahte buton þæt hit sy ut aworpen and sy fram mannum fortreden. Ge synt middangeardes leoht. Ne mæg seo ceaster beon behyd þe byð uppan munt aset. Ne hi ne ælað hyra leohtfæt and hit under cyfe settað, ac ofer candelstæf, þæt hit onlihte eallum þe on þam huse synt. Swa onlihte eower leoht beforan mannum þæt hi geseon eowre godan weorc and wuldrian eowerne fæder þe on heofonum ys.'

The English translation is read by Mr Richard Compton DL.

Jesus said: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

[5. 13-16]

A short silence follows the reading.

Please sit.

Sermon

Anthem

Choir

Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth
Engine against th'Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things fear and fear,
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

*Words: St Matthew 5.3-12
Music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949)*

The Commemoration

Dean We come now to commemorate our esteemed founders and benefactors and to celebrate the great traditions of spirituality, learning and civic service to which we are heirs. We give thanks for those whose examples continue to inspire us. We remember in this holy and beautiful house all who have lived and died in the service of this Cathedral, city and region; those whose lives were given in the building and beautifying of this great church and in service to our sovereign and nation; and all whom we remember this day with thanksgiving and gratitude.

Let us now praise God:

Canon Michael For the Celtic monks of Ripon; for Eata the first abbot and Cuthbert the guest master and all who spread the gospel in this and other lands.

For Wilfrid who first built this holy house in honour of St. Peter, for his zeal and energy in proclaiming the good news of the risen Jesus and for building up his Church in faith, unity and love.

For Eadhead first Bishop of Ripon, and all faithful ministers of word and sacrament in every generation.

For Ceolfriith, monk and priest at Ripon, and later the beloved Father in God of the Venerable Bede in the monastery of Jarrow, and for all who deepen our common life in Christ.

For Willibrord of Ripon, the Apostle to the Frisians, for all the missionary monks of Ripon and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation.

All Thanks be to God.

Canon Ailsa For the abbots and monks of Wilfrid's monastery and for the monastic and Benedictine inheritance of this Cathedral.

For the first Christian kings and queens of the Northumbrians, and for all who wield power as servants of God.

For Archbishops Roger de Pont l'Évêque, Thomas of Bayeux, Romanus and Walter de Gray and for all who participated in building this Cathedral.

For all who, through human skill and craftsmanship, renew our vision of the mystery of God.

For Deans and Canons of Ripon; for Bishops of Ripon and all Archbishops of York who made their home here; for all who renew and beautify this Cathedral.

For all who have sung God's song in this holy house, and for all who praise God in music and poetry, art and beauty.

For all who celebrate and administer the sacraments and preach the word of God; for all who bring the love of Christ to others in care and compassion.

All Thanks be to God.

Venerable Clive For this City and for those who serve it and work for the good of all.

For King Athelstan who gave the city the sanctuary rights of St. Wilfrid's Liberty and for all who work to bring healing and care.

For King James I, who restored the Dean and Chapter of Ripon and gave us our Charters.

For all who founded several schools in Ripon; for Queen Mary and Zacharias Jepson and for all who teach and for all who learn.

For all whose generosity enriches the lives of others.

For all who work to transform society and bring liberation to all people.

For Ripon's distinguished scholars and academics who have broadened the horizon of human knowledge and understanding.

For all our Cathedral's benefactors, patrons and sponsors whose generosity in giving and in service we recognise with thanksgiving.

For women and men in every generation who have served this Cathedral and whose names are known to God alone.

All Thanks be to God.

Dean Giving thanks to God for our founders and benefactors, let us pray that, following their good examples, we may work for the common good of this Cathedral, City and the whole Diocese of Leeds.

God of love, as we remember before you our founders and benefactors, we pray for the life and ministry of this Cathedral Church. Grant that this place may ever be a house of worship and prayer, learning and hospitality, beauty and stillness, where the eternal may be glimpsed, and faith rekindled and strengthened.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Gracious God, we ask for your blessing upon this City of Ripon. Give wisdom to all who lead and serve this community. We pray for its civic and commercial life, for its schools and colleges, and all who minister to its social needs. Give us grace to seek the peace and welfare of this city and county.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us, in faith and love, bring before God the prayers and praises of our hearts.

Silence is kept.

The General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayers

Dean Gracious Lord, we thank you for your servant Wilfrid of Ripon; in life a minister of your grace, in death a channel of your glory. Grant that in the glad company of your saints we may journey on in faith, and at the last be brought home to your dwelling-place in joy; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Dean Blessed are those who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:

All Whose delight is in the law of the Lord.

Dean They are like a tree planted beside streams of water:

All Which yields its fruit in due season.

Dean Praise our God, all you his servants:

All All those who fear him, both small and great.

Dean One generation shall praise his works to another:

All The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

The Admission of Churchwardens

Those elected to the office of Churchwarden are invited to stand.

Dean Churchwardens are called to represent the people of God; to work with the leadership of the parish, ordained and lay; to be an example and encouragement to their fellow Christians and the wider community; and to promote unity and peace.

As you come to be admitted to the office of churchwarden, I ask you to affirm your commitment to this calling, and to seek God's grace and the power of his Holy Spirit to fulfil it.

Will you, as churchwardens, seek to work with the Bishop, your incumbent, the Parochial Church Council, and all those who exercise leadership responsibility in your church, to further the mission of God and his purposes in the world?

Wardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Dean Will you undertake your task as a spiritual and holy calling, and seek in word and action to promote unity and peace?

Wardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Dean Will you care for the fabric and property of the church, as stewards of God, and make it your responsibility to ensure its proper upkeep and repair?

Wardens: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Dean May God be your helper, and give you grace to serve him with joy, with humility and with strength. And may your ministry as Churchwardens witness to the friendship of Jesus Christ, to the kingdom breaking in amongst us and to the new life in the Spirit, now and always.

All **Amen.**

The Dean invites the Churchwardens to make their declaration.

Wardens: **I solemnly and sincerely declare before God and his people, that I will faithfully and diligently discharge the duties of the Office of churchwarden for the parish for which I have been chosen during the period of my appointment.**

Dean I now duly and canonically admit you as Churchwardens of the parishes in which you serve. As God has called you to this ministry, so he will not fail you.

Parishioners of the Cathedral benefice stand.

Dean Brothers and sisters, will you work with your churchwardens to strengthen the Body of Christ and promote the mission of the Church in your parishes?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

Dean Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ

All **In obedience we hear and accept your command, in love we seek to do your will; with joy we offer ourselves afresh to you and your service. Amen**

Anthem

Choir

Deo gratias

Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Dedication of Ourselves

All who contribute to the life of this cathedral, the city and county, are invited to stand.

Dean

Jesus said
To pharisees minding their business,
and fishermen mending their nets:

All

'Follow me!'

Dean

To money handlers, the lawyers,
the decision makers, the power brokers

All

'Follow me!'

Dean

To the carers and the cleaners, the married, the single,
the young and the old, country folk and city-dwellers;

All

'Follow me!'

Dean

Then and now, together and apart,
willing or doubting, ready or not
Jesus says:

All

'Follow me!'

Dean

In gratitude for this moment,
in gratitude for this place,
in gratitude for those around us,
in gratitude that Christ is amongst us,
we give ourselves to you our God
and in service of this cathedral and city.

All

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

Dean

So may we live to your glory
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

All

Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Dean Go forth into the world in peace;
 be of good courage;
 hold fast that which is good;
 render to no one evil for evil;
 strengthen the fainthearted;
 support the weak;
 help the afflicted;
 honour everyone;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
 and the blessing of God Almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Norman Cocker (1889-1953)