



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

Bible Sunday

Sunday 25th October 2020
10:30am

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.

In this Trinity season, we hear the accounts of Jesus life as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

As we worship God 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.

About This Service

The President is Canon Barry, Canon for Education and Rural Engagement.

The Preacher is Canon Michael Gisbourne, Canon Precentor.

The service is sung by Marcus Groundwater, decani bass clerk and the Mass setting is plainsong.

The bells are rung by the Ripon Cathedral guild of bell ringers.

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

Children at Ripon Cathedral

Children's church is for primary school aged children. All are invited to gather with the leaders in the library (up the stairs in the south transept) prior to the service.

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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Words of welcome from the Canon in Residence.

The Gathering

Please stand.

As the ministers enter, you are invited to meditate on these words as the organist improvises on the tune.

Hymn

*Thanks to God whose word was written
in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation showing God to every age.
God has spoken
praise him for his open word.*

*Thanks to God whose word is published
in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished by the change of time and place.
God has spoken
praise him for his open word.*

*Thanks to God whose word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking:
praise him for his open word.*

*Hymns of Glory Songs of Praise 605
Words: Reginald Thomas Brooks (1918-1985)
Music: ST HELEN George Clement Martin (1844-1916)*

The Greeting

President	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All	Amen.
President	Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All	and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

President The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

President Your word convicts us:
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the good news.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your word assures us:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
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 life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

Glory be 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.

The Collect

President

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All

Please sit

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament reading

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

(Nehemiah 8.1-12)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as an organ fanfare heralds the Gospel.

The Gospel

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

[Matthew 24.30-35]

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A short organ fanfare is played.

The Sermon

A short silence is kept after the sermon after, which 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 I 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 I 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 I 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.

Intercessions

Between each petition this response is used.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

And at the end.

Intercessor Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

We exchange warm greetings with those nearest us.

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The following is sung as the bread and wine are placed upon the altar.

Cantor *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way :
even by ruling himself after thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought thee :
O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
Thy words have I hid within my heart :
that I should not sin against thee.
Blessed art thou, O Lord :
O teach me thy statutes.
With my lips have I been telling :
of all the judgements of thy mouth.
I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies :
as in all manner of riches.
I will talk of thy commandments :
and have respect unto thy ways.
My delight shall be in thy statutes :
and I will not forget thy word.*

(Ps. 119.9-16)

President Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word
and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness.

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.**

President It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is your eternal and creative Word,
through whom all things came into being;
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,
dying for our sins and rising again
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He stands among us in his risen power,
opening to us his living word,
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Cantor *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.*

President 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:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 [*N 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.**

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President 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

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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.

We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive God's Blessing, please come with this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister when receiving Communion.

During communion, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and a Motet.

Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

Motet

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like to those that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongues with joy. Then said they among the heathen: The Lord hat done great things for them. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already: whereof we rejoice. Turn again our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south. They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Words: Psalm 126

Music: Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Notices and Banns of marriage may be given.

The Dismissal

Please stand.

The Blessing

President Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Allegro maestoso e vivace; Allegro moderato (Sonata No. 2 in C minor)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)