



# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## Eucharist

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

10.30am



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

## **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.

## **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. Today we continue our journey through Lent.

Since the early days of then faith, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of Jesus' passion and resurrection at Easter. They have prepared for this celebration with a season of penitence and fasting lasting 40 days.

By carefully keeping these forty days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel and so grow in faith and devotion to Jesus.

You are invited to observe a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

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

The Preacher is the Rev'd Canon Andrew Norman,  
Director of Ministry and Mission in the Diocese of Leeds.

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# The Gathering

## Hymn

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th'eternal Eastertide.

*NEH 67*

*Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822–70) and Francis Pott (1832–1909)*

*Music: AUS DER TIEFE attributed to Martin Herbst (1654–1681)*

## 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.**

*Words of welcome and introduction to the service.*

## 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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion and  
acknowledge our transgression in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**            **Lord, have mercy.**

President        We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All**            **Christ, have mercy.**

President        We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**            **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Absolution

President        God, who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

## The Collect

President            Almighty God,  
                         whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
                         and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
                         give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
                         and, as you know our weakness,  
                         so may we know your power to save;  
                         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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

*(Genesis 9.8-17)*

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

*An organ fanfare heralds the Gospel.*

## Gospel Reading

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

**All** **Glory to you O Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

*Mark 1.9-15*

Gospel Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Affirmation of Faith

President Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All** **Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

President            With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

*This response is used after each petition:*

Intercessor        Lord of compassion,  
**All                    in your mercy hear us.**

*And at the end:*

**All                    Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

President            Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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

### Preparation of the Altar

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The Altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

### Preparation of the Table

President            God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world,  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All**            **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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All**                    **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

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 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

Trusting in the compassion of God  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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

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.**

## Agnus Dei

**All 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,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## 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.

*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*

## Prayer after Communion

President            Lord God,  
                          you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
                          by it you nourish our faith,  
                          increase our hope,  
                          and strengthen our love:  
                          teach us always to hunger for him the true and living bread,  
                          and enable us to live by every word  
                                  that proceeds from your mouth;  
                          through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
                          **Amen.**

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and remain with you now and always.

**All Amen.**

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669)

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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