



# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021

11.40am



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds

## Welcome to Ripon 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 encouraged when moving around the cathedral.**

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

We welcome you to this Remembrance Sunday act of worship. Today is that Sunday in the year that is used to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war. Some may be known and many unknown. It is the responsibility of each generation, including this generation to remember, reflect and to then learn ways of seeking peace.

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

The Preacher is Rev'd Richard Hall, Chaplain to 21 Engineer Regiment.

*The Cathedral bells are rung by the Ripon Cathedral Guild of Bellringers.*

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## Giving to support the work of the Cathedral

Stewardship of all the gifts that God has given is a part of Christian discipleship. Giving is a part of that, and the support of charities and the church is an important part of that in terms of time, talent and money. We would encourage you in your stewardship, offering the following easy ways to support the work of the Cathedral;

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## Prior to the service

*The Dean greets the Mayor and Civic Party at the West Door and escorts them to their seats. Please stand.*

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

*During the hymn, the Standards are processed following the clergy. The Standards are presented to the Dean and placed either side of the nave altar.*

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

*NEH 417*

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

*Music: ST ANNE Melody 1708, probably supplied by William Croft (1678–1727)*

*Please remain standing.*

## Introduction

*The Dean stands before the nave altar.*

The Dean        We gather today to worship Almighty God,  
                     whose purposes are good;  
                     whose power sustains the world he has made;  
                     who loves us, though we have failed in his service;  
                     who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world;  
                     who by his Holy Spirit leads us in the way.

As we give thanks for God's great works,  
we remember those who have lived and died  
                     in his service and in the service of others;  
we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need;  
we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and  
that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

*All*                Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Dean        May they rest in peace  
*All*                **and rise in glory.**  
**Amen.**

## Act of Penitence

The Bishop      Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
                     its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to  
seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

*Please sit.*

*All*                **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Words of forgiveness

The Bishop      Almighty God, 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.**

## Collect

The Dean            Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all with them to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*                      **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Read by Lt. Col. Simon J Graham, Commanding Officer, 21 Engineer Regiment.*

A reading from the prophet Micah.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

*Micah 4. 1-4*

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

## Psalm

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us :  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.  
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
Be still then, and know that I am God :  
I will be exalted among the heathen,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us :  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Psalm 46*

## New Testament Reading

*Read by The Rt Worshipful The Mayor of Ripon, Councillor Eamon Parkin.*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

One of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter

them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

*Revelation 7.13-17*

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

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the anthem.*

## **Anthem**

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Words: Song of Solomon 8: 7, 6; John 15: 13; 1Pet 2: 24; 1 Cor 6: 11; 1Pet 2: 9; Rom 12: 1  
Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)*

## **Sermon**

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn**

**Lord of lords and King eternal,  
Down the years in wondrous ways  
You have blessed our land and guided,  
Leading us through darkest days.  
For your rich and faithful mercies,  
Lord, accept our thankful praise.**

**Speak to us and every nation,  
Bid our jarring discords cease;  
To the starving and the homeless  
Bid us bring a full release;  
And on all this earth's sore turmoil  
Breathe the healing of your peace.**

Love that binds us all together  
Be upon the church outpoured;  
Shame our pride and quell our factions,  
Smite them with your Spirit's sword;  
Till the world, our love beholding,  
Claims your power and calls you Lord.

Saviour, by your mighty Passion  
Once you turned sheer loss to gain,  
Wresting in your risen glory  
Victory from your cross and pain;  
Now O Saviour, dead and risen,  
In us triumph, live, and reign.

*A&M 581*

*Words: Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)*

*Music: ST HELEN George Clement Martin (1844-1916)*

*Please sit.*

## Prayers

- The Dean            Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,  
and ask that God may give us peace:
- Intercessor        For the service men and women who have died in the violence  
of war, each one remembered by and known to God;  
may God give peace.  
*All*                    **God, give peace.**
- Intercessor        For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress  
of our grief and the sadness of our loss; may God give peace.  
*All*                    **God, give peace.**
- Intercessor        For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this  
day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe  
return; may God give peace.  
*All*                    **God, give peace.**
- Intercessor        For civilian women, children and men whose lives are  
disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the  
anger and hatreds of humanity; for all migrants and refugees;  
may God give peace.  
*All*                    **God, give peace.**

Intercessor For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; may God give peace.  
*All* **God, give peace.**

Intercessor For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; may God give peace.  
*All* **God, give peace.**

Intercessor May we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

The Dean Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

*The following hymn won the 2018 Armistice hymn-writing competition.  
During the hymn the Standards are returned, and the bearers face the altar.*

**Hope for the world's despair:  
we feel the nations' pain;  
can anything repair  
this broken earth again?  
For this we pray: in every place  
a spark of grace to light the way.**

**Wisdom for all who bear  
the future in their hand  
entrusted with the care  
of this and every land.  
When comes the hour, O Lord we pray  
inspire the way we spend our power.**

**Honour for all who've paid  
war's painful, bitter price,  
when duty called they made  
the greatest sacrifice.  
Their memory will never cease  
to cry for peace and harmony.**

**Ease for the troubled mind  
in endless conflict caught,  
each soul that cannot find  
the peace beyond all thought.  
May they be blessed with healing balm  
for inner calm and perfect rest.**

**Love for the human heart:  
when hate grows from our fears  
and inwardly we start  
to turn our ploughs to spears.  
Help us to sow love's precious seed  
in word and deed, that peace may grow.**

*Words: Ally Barrett (b.1975)*

*Music: LOVE UNKNOWN John Ireland (1879-1962)*

## **Act of Commitment**

The Bishop

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,  
and support those working for relief of the needy  
and the peace and welfare of the nations.

*All*

**Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,  
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage;  
give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

The Dean            God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth  
and all humanity, peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come down upon you  
and remain with you always.

All

**Amen.**

## The National Anthem

**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!**

*The Standard bearers process out of the Cathedral, followed by the Clergy, the Bishop and Civic guests.*

## Organ Voluntary

Fugue in E flat (BWV 552ii)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*