

## **St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall**

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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. It was founded in 1137 by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order of service will help you feel part of our worship together.

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### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** **Morning Service - 11.15am**

*If you are able, please stand at parts marked \**

*The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold** print.*

Gathering

**Welcome to Worship**

**Gathering Music**

**Lighting of the Christ candle and a time of Silence**

**All; We light this flame to affirm that new light  
is ever waiting to break through to enlighten our ways  
bringing rich possibilities in the now**

*[You may wish to use these words to help focus]*

*As I sit here, the beating of my heart,  
the ebb and flow of my breathing, the movements of my mind are  
all signs of God's ongoing creation of me.  
I pause for a moment, and become aware  
of this presence of God within me.*

\* **HYMN** 192 All my hope on God is founded

\* **Opening Responses**

L; We carry this flame into our midst

**All; as the symbol of the creativity to explore new avenues of religious  
insight;**

L; the creativity to develop a caring community;

**All; the creativity to envision a world of peace and freedom.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Exploring

**Bible Reading:**

L; Until we can see ourselves in the words we read  
and the stories we hear, it is easy  
to remark on the rest of the world.

**All May the light of these words fall strong  
upon each of us, that we can find the truth they reveal  
in our own hearts this day**

**From Exodus Ch 5**

After this, Moses and Aaron went to visit Pharaoh. They said to him:  
'Listen to what the LORD says. He is the God of Israel. He says, "Let my  
people go, so that they can hold a festival in the desert to honour me.'" "

But Pharaoh said: 'I do not know the LORD. I do not know why I should  
obey his voice. I do not know why I should let the Israelites go. I do not  
know the LORD. I will not let the Israelites go.'

Moses and Aaron said: 'The God of the Israelites has met us. Please let  
us go. We must go on a journey of three days into the desert. There we  
must give gifts to the LORD our God.'

But the king of Egypt said: ‘Moses and Aaron, “What do you mean by making the people neglect their work? Get those slaves back to work! You people have become more numerous than the Egyptians. And now you want to stop working!” That same day the king commanded the Egyptian slave-drivers and the Israelite foremen: ‘Make these people work harder and keep them busy, so that they won't have time to listen to a pack of lies.’”

L; For the words of God that challenge us,  
for the words of God we wrestle with or reject,  
for the word of God strong within us,

**All; We give thanks**

\* **HYMN** 18 The earth belongs to God alone

**“Gospel Glimpses”** from “The Road Not Taken” Robert Frost  
**Anthem:**

### **SERMON**

**Time for Reflection** [during which the offering will be uplifted]

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**All; We offer our gifts of money knowing that they will be used to continue the work of the kingdom. We offer them freely and pray that whoever receives them will use them respectfully and humbly to bring health, healing and wholeness to our beautiful world. Amen.**

Affirming

\* **HYMN** 362 Heaven shall not wait.

\* **Sharing the Peace**

L; Blessed are those who make peace:  
they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

**All; We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.**

### **Candle of Remembrance and Hope**

[All sing] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, he rescues me from death.

[*The candle of Remembrance and Hope is lit.*]

[All sing] Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me into life.

**Prayers of Concern and the Jesus Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

\* **HYMN** 457 All hail the power of Jesus' name

\* **Sending out**

L; May the blessings of life be with us and with our faith community.

**All; May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.**

L; May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts

**All; and the peace of this community sustain us wherever we go from here.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

*Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out*