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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.

Sunday 27th 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; In lighting this candle we become aware that the power of resurrection has forever changed who we are, and given us the courage to boldly proclaim a living faith.

Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, new dreams.

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

Awake and aware of the Christ light within me, I choose to express the Christ as I allow my inner light to shine forth.

* **HYMN 448 Lord, the light of your love is shining**

* Opening Responses

L; Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

**All; Let there be compassion heard in the words we speak,
and love in the songs we sing.**

L; Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

All; Let there be trust in our coming together.

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; Even as we seek understanding, our minds too often shelter us from the realities we might uncover.

**All May we have the courage to hear and hold truths found
within these words**

Luke 19 1-10

Jesus enters Jericho and seems only to be passing through. Living in Jericho is a man named Zaccheus. He's the head tax collector and is very rich. He is also very short. He wants to see Jesus as He passes through the centre of the town, but he can't get a glimpse because the crowd blocks his view. So he runs ahead of the crowd and climbs up into a sycamore tree so he can see Jesus when He passes beneath him. Jesus comes along and looks up

into the tree and there he sees Zaccheus. He said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly because I need to stay at your house tonight.' Zaccheus scrambles down and joyfully brings Jesus back to his house. Now the crowd sees this, and they're upset. They were saying, 'Jesus has gone to stay in the home of a man that does bad things.' Later, Zacchaeus stood up in front of everyone. He said to Jesus, 'Listen, Master! I will give half of all the things that I have to poor people. I may have taken too much money from some people. I will give back to them four times as much as I took from them wrongly.' Jesus said to him 'Today liberation has come to this house, since even Zaccheus is living as a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to liberate the lost.

L; For the truth made known in texts for the wisdom found
on different paths for the hope that leads us on
All; We give thanks.

* HYMN 162 The God of Abraham praise

"Gospel Glimpses"
Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

All; Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our
generosity. Let our faith be expressed in engagement with the
world for the purpose of transformation, for peace and love
and justice. Let our hope for our world find full expression in
our daily attitude of mind. Amen.

Affirming

* HYMN 554 Rock of Ages

* Sharing the Peace

L; God makes peace within us. **All; Let us claim it.**

L: God makes peace between us. **All; Let us share it.**

L: Let us greet one another as a sign of God's 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

L; May all beings find healing.

R: May all beings find peace. May all beings be held in compassion.

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 120 God we praise you

* Sending out

L: Let us go into the world to dance, laugh, sing and create

All; We go with the creativity of God.

L; Let us go into the world to risk, explore, discover and love.

All; We go with the encouragement of God.

L; Let us go into the world to believe, hope, struggle and remember

All; We go with the assurance of God's love.

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out