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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 3rd November
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; It is God, in the dawning, in the renewal,
in the arrival, in the new day. We carry this flame into our midst
as**

the symbol of the creativity of our faith:

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

God is with me, but more, God is within me.

*Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my body, in
my mind, in my heart, as I sit here, right now.*

* **HYMN** 740 For all the saints [vs 1,4, 6,7,8,]

*** Opening Responses**

L: The saints invite us to worship God.

All: The saints invite us to come into God's presence.

L: The saints invite us to realize the justice of our God.

All: The saints invite us to see the compassion of our God

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; We celebrate our God in the stories of our tradition

**All who engages with our souls,
linking us with the mystery of the universe,
the endlessness of eternity,**

Luke 6 20-31

Jesus looked at his disciples. He spoke this message to them:
'Happy are you people that are poor. The kingdom of
God belongs to you. Happy are you people that are hungry now.
God will feed you until you are full. Happy are you people that
are crying now. Later, you will laugh. People may hate you,
because you believe in me, the Son of Man. They may say bad
things against you and make you go away from them. They may
say that you are very bad. When that happens, be happy. God
will prepare many good things for you in heaven. So be very
happy when people do these bad things to you! Jump up and
down because you are so happy. Their ancestors did the same
bad things to God's prophets long ago.

Listen, you that are rich.
You have a comfortable life now, but trouble will come to you.
Listen, you that are full with food now.
Trouble will come to you and you will be hungry.
Listen, you that are laughing now.
Trouble will come to you. You will be sad and you will cry.
Do people always say good things about you? Know that trouble will come to you. Long ago their ancestors said good things about bad prophets. Those prophets said that they were from God but their words were false.’ Love people that want to hurt you
Jesus went on to say, ‘I say this to you who are listening carefully to me: Love the people who want to hurt you. Do good things to people that hate you. Say good things to people that say bad things against you. Pray for people who give you pain.
Someone may slap you on one side of your face. Then you should let him slap the other side of your face too. Someone may take away your coat. If he does, do not stop him from taking your shirt also. When anyone asks you for something, give it to him.
Someone may take something that belongs to you. If he does, let him keep it. Do not ask to have it back again. Do the good things for other people that you would want them to do for you.

L For the Word that was in the beginning,
for the Word that invites and inspires,
for the Word embodied in us:

All; We give thanks.

***HYMN** 160 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

SERMON

Uplifting of the Offering

Affirming

Prayers of Dedication

All; Inspired by the commitment of saints in times past; rejoicing in our present opportunity to support this faith community; giving through our mission, so that the saints at home and abroad will know solid support in coming months; we ask a blessing on these gifts. We have put our money where our faith is, and we give thanks. Amen.

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.

Celebrating

The Invitation to Communion

*St Magnus Cathedral is an open community and all are invited to
Christ's table.*

*Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe,
you are welcome to participate in the communion.
This sacred meal is for all people.*

* **HYMN** 526 this is a day of new beginnings [alt vs 4]

* **Sharing the Peace** [A chance for people to bless others in
God's presence]

L; May the peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The Thanksgiving.

The Story of the Meal

The Bread and the Wine

The Sharing of Communion

The elders bring the bread and wine to the people who share it
together by passing to one another.

The Closing Prayer.

* **HYMN** 738 Glorious things of thee are spoken

***Sending out**

L: Remember the faithfulness of those who have served in past
days.

All: We remember, and we look to match their enthusiasm.

L: Remember the discipleship of those who have faithfully
followed.

All: We remember; we too are disciples of Jesus Christ.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out