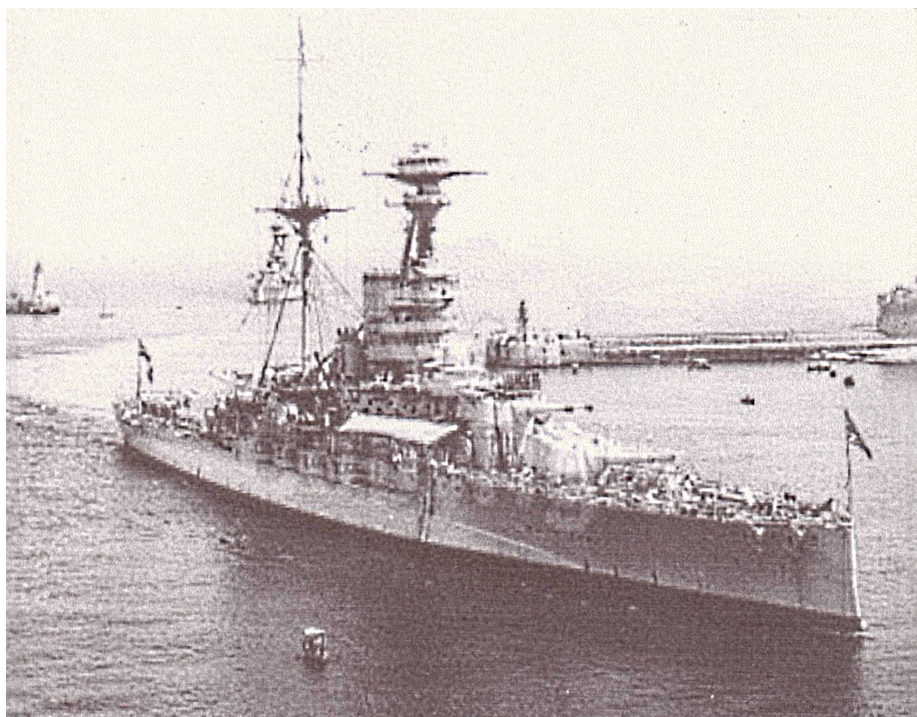


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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. It was founded in 1137 by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order of service will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

Sunday 13th October
80th Anniversary of the sinking of HMS Royal Oak
Morning Service 11.15am

If you are able please stand at parts marked *

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

Welcome to Worship

Gathering Music

Lighting of the Christ candle and a time of Silence

All; As we kindle this symbol of light - our Christ Candle - let us think for a moment about why we've come here today, and what it is we hope this hour of worship might bring.

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

I pause for a moment, aware that God is here.

I think of how everything around me,

the air I breathe, my whole body,

is tingling with the presence of God.

- HYMN 336 Christ is our light

* Opening Responses

L; Beyond words, beyond the battle, beyond the outcry,

All; lies silence; for what words and what warring
and what anger has words enough?

L; It is sacred, this silence; and holy, this remembering.

All; For only silent remembering can carry enough
pain and truth together

L; to whisper again:

All; "It is enough."

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading: Read by Captain Chris Smith ADC RN, Naval Regional Commander Scotland & Northern Ireland.

L: May we open ourselves to the seeds of wisdom
that lie dormant in this reading.

All **And may our minds be fertile soil
in which they may grow strong and true**

From The book of Joshua Chapter 24

Joshua called all the tribes together at Shechem. Joshua spoke to the people. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says, "A long time ago, your fathers lived across the river Euphrates, and worshipped other gods. But I took Abraham from that land and brought him all through Canaan. I sent Moses and Aaron to the Israelites in Egypt and brought your fathers out of Egypt. Then

you went across the Jordan and came to Jericho. So I gave you a land that you had not worked for. I gave you houses that you did not build. Joshua said, 'Now you must give honour to the Lord, and serve him. But if you do not want to serve the Lord, you may choose other gods. But I and my family, we will serve the Lord' The people answered Joshua, 'We would never leave the Lord to serve other gods! We and our fathers were slaves in Egypt. But the Lord our God brought us out from there. We saw the great things that he did there. He kept us safe all the time on our journey. He saved us from other people.' Joshua said, 'You yourselves have chosen to serve the Lord. See that you keep your promise.' They replied, 'Yes, we will watch ourselves with great care.' 'Now then', Joshua said, 'throw away the false gods, the gods of other people, that you still keep. And give yourselves completely to the Lord, the God of Israel. The people said to Joshua, 'We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.'

L. For the word of God in scripture, For the word of God among us.
For the word of God within us.

All; We give thanks

* **HYMN** 227 The earth is yours, O God

Contemporary Reading from "Peace-Land" by Gabrielle Barnby

Anthem:

SERMON

Time for Reflection

[during which the offering will be uplifted and a wreath laid
at the HMS Royal Oak Memorial and it's bell rung]

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

* **HYMN** 153 Great is thy faithfulness

* **Sharing the Peace**

Leader; This is a house of God. A place of peace.
A place where we befriend one another.

**ALL Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of
our shared friendship**

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** 260 Eternal Father, strong to save

* **Sending out**

L; May we proclaim God's greatness,
All: in the world.
L: May we speak of God's action,
All: in our lives.
L; : May we make space for God's love,
All: in every act.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out