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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 20th January 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, a living symbol of the one Life in which we all live and move and have our being,

[You may wish to use these words to help focus]
In silence I become aware of God. In the silence I feel the presence of God.

In the silence my problems can fall into their rightful place. In the silence I can become a grateful person. And in the silence, God and I become one

* **HYMN** 348 Praise the one who breaks the darkness

* Opening Responses

L; Let us gather, gather and be fed and nourished.

All; Let us gather, gather and raise our voices in praise.

L; Let us gather, gather and worship our God,
All; the nourishment of our lives.

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Readings:

L; May we be struck by the wisdom of these words and marked by hearing them.

All For within story lies meaning, and within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

My friends, you asked me about spiritual gifts. I want you to remember that before you became followers of the Lord, you were led in all the wrong ways by idols that cannot even talk. Now I want you to know that if you are led by God's Spirit, you will say that Jesus is Lord, and you will never curse Jesus. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same Spirit. To others the Spirit has given great faith or the power to heal the sick or the power to work mighty miracles. Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

John 2:1-11

Three days later Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there. When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine." Jesus replied, "Mother, my time hasn't yet come! You must not tell me what to do." Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast." The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over and said, "The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!" This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

L. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church All; Amen. So be it.

* **HYMN** 133 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

"Good news Story"

Anthem:

SERMON

Uplifting of the offering

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

- * **HYMN** 727 In the bulb there is a flower
- * Sharing the Peace

L; Peace be with us all.

All; With justice comes peace.

L; Let us build peace together and change our world.

All; We share a sign of 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.

* Sending out

L; We go us out into our community to scatter the seed of Christ's word,

All; to sow the seeds of love, to tend the shoots that we see growing and taking root.

L; May we have courage and patience to nourish others

All; As the Spirit has nourished us today.

- * Benediction
- * Choral Amen

^{*} **HYMN** 473 Thy kingdom come! – on bended knee