

## **St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall**

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“But let  
**Justice**  
roll on like a river,  
**Righteousness**  
like a never-  
failing stream!” AMOS 5:21

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

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**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

L; In this Season of new growth, new life, new hope,

**All; We light a candle to remind us of the Light which could not be put out, the light that shines from the Empty Tomb.**

[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** Sing praise to all.          Tune Lobe den Herren

Sing praise to all that has offered us life and sustains us –  
all that has opened our hearts to the love borne within us:  
Family and friends, beauty we see without end –  
gifts that our lives lay before us.

Sing praise to all that has opened our mind to new vistas –  
all that has called us to seek out new truths through the ages:  
Vision and word, music that sought to be heard,  
These are the gifts that will mould us.

Sing praise to minds that will fashion our bold new tomorrows –  
yesterday's wisdom released from its dogma and credos.  
Evermore free to live out what we believe  
walking the path that Life hallows. *Gretta Vosper*

\* **Opening Responses**

L; In gathering today in this sacred space, we bear the flame.

**All; For the opportunity to be together, to remember the past, to be open to a changing future, to be alive in our present...**

L; For Easter, which reminds us that love is our greatest challenge,  
we bear the flame of community.

### Gathering Prayer

#### Exploring

#### Bible Reading:

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.**

From the Book of Amos.

2;6-8‘The people in Israel have done wrong things. Many times, they have done wrong things. So I will send trouble to them. They sold people that did not do wrong things. They sold them for silver. And they sold poor people for only the price of shoes. They are not kind to poor people and they do not help them. A father and his son have sex with the same woman. I told them not to do that, but they do not listen to me. Those men take clothes from poor people, because those poor people have a debt to them. Then they sleep on those poor people's clothes. And they do that in the special places where they pray. The rich people in Israel do this wrong thing also. Poor people give some money to rich people to pay for their debts.

5; 21-24

The LORD says, ‘You come together to eat and to drink. And you come to bring gifts to me. When you do that, I do not like it at all. When you bring fat animals to burn for me, I will not happily accept them. You might give food to me, but I will not take it. I will not listen when you sing songs to me. I will not listen as you play music on harps. A river never stops moving. So, like the river, never stop being fair to people. Never stop doing right things.

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

\* **HYMN** 174 God of great and God of small

**“Gospel Glimpses”**

**Anthem:**

**SERMON**

**Uplifting of the offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Affirming

\* **HYMN** 588 Praise the Spirit in Creation

\* **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**

Response L; As one heart is burdened  
**All May we share the pain it knows**

**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** 259 Beauty for brokenness

\* **Sending out**

L; As we go from this place  
**All; May we continue to experience the birth of hope in our lives.**  
L; May we find ourselves watching for signs of new possibilities  
**All; And discover the treasures of love in surprising places.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

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