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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 24th 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; Let there be light.

Wherever darkness is to be put to flight,

"Let there be light

[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** 213 New very morning

* **Opening Responses**

L; Today we gather as part of a story which welcomes all,

All; the included and the excluded, the first-timer and old-timer,

L; the foreigner and the local, the baby, elderly and in-betweeners.

**All; We come as we are for this is God's house and here everyone
is welcome!**

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

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**

Matthew 12; 38-42 and 46-50

At that time some of the legal experts and the Pharisees requested of Jesus, "Teacher, we would like to see a sign from you." But he replied, "An evil and unfaithful generation searches for a sign, but it won't receive any sign except Jonah's sign. Just as Jonah was in the whale's belly for three days and three nights, so the Human One will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. The citizens of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it as guilty, because they changed their hearts and lives in response to Jonah's preaching. And look, someone greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will be raised up by God at the judgment with this generation and condemn it because she came

from a distant land to hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, someone greater than Solomon is here.

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers stood outside trying to speak with him. Someone said to him, "Look, your mother and brothers are outside wanting to speak with you." Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" He stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven is my brother, sister, and mother."

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** 716 Come and find the quiet centre

"Gospel Glimpses"

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

All; We offer these gifts and our lives in response to the blessings we received as followers of the Jesus way. May we be empowered with the Spirit to hear those who cry out for justice and compassion that we may respond with love and commitment. Amen.

Affirming

* **HYMN** 463 Fairest Lord Jesus

* **Sharing the Peace**

L. Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.

The peace of God is here... to stay.

All. **Thanks be to God.**

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** 804 [x3] You shall go out with joy.

* **Sending out**

L; May the blessings of life be with us and with our faith community.

**All; May the memories we gather here give us hope for the
future.**

L; May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts

**All; and the peace of this community sustain us
wherever we go from here.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out