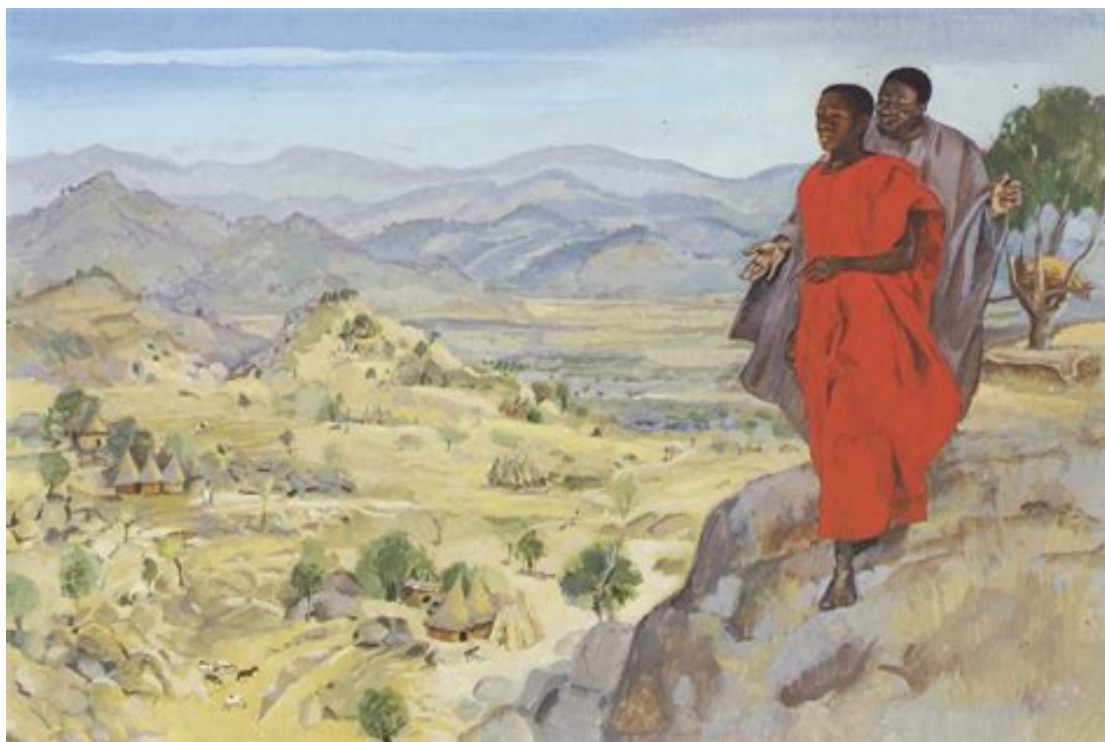


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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. It was founded in 1137 by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order of service will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

Sunday 12th 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

L: In this season of Light, we light this candle to remind us of God's light
shining in the darkness

**All; May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice to the world
around us everyday.**

[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** Sing praise to all Music: 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 minds to new vistas.

All that has called us to seek out new truth 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; As each present moment is replaced by the unknown future,

**All; we know that we will likely be tested by situations we find
ourselves in.**

L; The Spirit of Christ equips us with what we need to live motivated by
the love that dwells within us.

**All; So we open ourselves to wonder, delight and love as we sing to our
God**

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; Even as we seek understanding, our minds
too often shelter us from the realities we might uncover.

**All May we have the courage to hear and hold truths found within
these words**

From Deuteronomy 8

Be careful! Obey every rule that I am giving to you today. If you do that, you will live. And you will have many children. You will be able to go into the country. It will become your country. This is the country that the Lord your God promised to your ancestors. Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert. He led you for 40 years and he sent many troubles to you. He did that for three reasons. He wanted to make you humble. He wanted to know whether you would obey him. And he wanted to know whether you would believe all his words. Obey the rules of the Lord your God. Always do the things that will give him pleasure. Think about him all the time. Do this because the Lord your God is bringing you into a good country. It is a country with many streams and pools of water. There is water that runs in the valleys and in the hills. It is a country full of good food that grows in the fields. A lot of fruit is hanging on the trees. It is a country where there is enough bread for everyone. You will have everything that you need. It is a country where the stones are full of iron. You can dig other metals out of the hills. You can eat all the food that you want. Then remember to thank the Lord your God. He has given you this good country. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God. Always remember to obey all his rules and decrees. I am giving them to you today. In a future time, you will have all the food that you can eat. You will build beautiful houses to live in. You will have many cows and sheep and a lot of gold and silver. You will have more and more things that are yours.

L; For the truth made known in texts for the wisdom found
on different paths for the hope that leads us on

All; We give thanks.

* HYMN 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

"Gospel Glimpses"

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

* **HYMN** 358 The great love of God is revealed in the Son

* **Sharing the Peace**

L; Blessed are those who make peace:
they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

All; We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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

Congregational response 722 chorus

Jesus is living, Jesus is here; Jesus my Lord come closer to me.

Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me, and rising to save his people.

God our Maker

**Who is everywhere, Your name is holy. May your new world come and
your will be done, in this place as in all times and places.**

**Meet our needs everyday and forgive our failure to love, as we forgive
others who fail us. Save us from loads too hard to bear and lead us into
your light. For everything on earth and the universe beyond is yours,
now, and for all time.**

* **HYMN** 590 Holy Spirit, gift bestower

* **Sending out**

L; Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours,
no feet but ours,

**All; ours are the eyes through which he is to look with compassion on
the world, ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good,**

L; and ours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

**All; So we go to reach out and heal, to hold and bless,
to look at the world with compassion and to act with justice.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**