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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 19th 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]

*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** 336 Christ is our light!

* Opening Responses

L; Each new day is a gift. Each new phase of life brings generous
possibilities.

All; May there be joy in our coming together this day.

L; Each new question brings learning and growth

**All; May there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we
sing.**

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; We celebrate our God in the stories of our tradition

**All who engages with our souls, linking us with the mystery of the
universe,
the endlessness of eternity,**

Mark 6 1-10

Jesus left that place. He went to his own town. His disciples went
with him. When it was the Jewish day for rest, Jesus went to their
meeting place. He began to teach the people who were there. Many of
them were surprised about the things that he was saying to them. They
said to each other, 'We do not know how this man learned these things.
We do not know how he knows so much. And we do not know how he

does all these powerful things. Really, we know who this man is. He is the carpenter. He is the son of Mary. He is the brother of James, Joses, Simon and Judas. His sisters live here in the town among us. Isn't that true?' So the people there did not accept Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, 'If a man is a prophet from God, people everywhere will say good things about him. But the people in his own town will not accept him. Even his own people and his own family will not say good things about him.'

Jesus could not do any powerful things in that town. But he did put his hands on a few sick people and he made them well. Jesus was very surprised because the people in that town would not believe in him.

Then he went to visit the villages round there. He was teaching the people who lived in those villages. Jesus asked his 12 disciples to come to him. He started to send them out to tell God's message to people. He sent them out two by two and he gave them authority over bad spirits.

Jesus told the disciples, 'Only take a stick for the journey, nothing else. Do not take bread or a bag. Do not take money in your pockets. Wear shoes but do not take extra clothes. In each town, stay at the first house that you go into. Continue to stay there until you leave that town.

L For the Word that was in the beginning,
for the Word that invites and inspires,
for the Word embodied in us:

All; We give thanks.

* **HYMN** 253 Inspired by love and anger

Contemporary Reading

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

All; May we recognise Jesus' challenge to us all this day and may we commit ourselves to his Way. May we and what we bring, be used to serve the Kingdom he inaugurated, that we might be good and faithful in all we are and all we do. Amen.

Affirming

* HYMN 284 Hope is a candle

* Sharing the Peace

L; God makes peace within us. **All; Let us claim it.**

L: God makes peace between us. **All; Let us share it.**

L: Let us greet one another as a sign of God's 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.

* HYMN 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

* Sending out

L; Let us go as far as our courage takes us
All; for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.

L. Let us give as extravagantly as we may,
All; for we cannot spend all the riches of God.

L; Let us care as lavishly as we are able,
All; for we cannot exhaust the love of God.

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out