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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 26th January
Morning Service - 11.15am

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]

*I breathe in the calm of God's presence. I breathe out my
worries.*

Holy Spirit, fill my life. Holy Spirit fill my world.

* HYMN 355, You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

* Opening Responses

L; Come in. Come into this place
which we make special by our presence.

All; we come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified,
the human is celebrated, the compassionate is expected.

L; Come into this place.

All; Together we make it a sacred place.

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.

Luke 4; 14-20

Then Jesus returned to Galilee. The Holy Spirit continued to give him power. Everyone who lived near there heard the news about him. He taught people in the Jewish meeting places. Everyone said good things about him. Jesus went to Nazareth, the town where he had grown up. On the Jewish day for rest, he went to their meeting place. This was what he usually did. He stood up to read aloud from the Bible.

They gave him the book of messages that God had given to his prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book. He found the place where Isaiah wrote: 'The Spirit from the Lord God is on me. He has chosen me to tell good news to poor people. He has sent me to tell people who are in prison, "You can go free!" I must say to people that cannot see, "See again!" I must cause people that are like slaves to become free. I must tell everyone, "This is the year when God will be kind to his people." ' When Jesus had read this to the people, he closed the book. He gave it back to an officer of the meeting place. Then he sat down to teach the people. Everyone in the meeting place was looking carefully at him.

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

* HYMN 22 The Lord's my light and saving health

Contemporary Reading

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

All; We are thankful for all we ourselves have received. We acknowledge the privilege of having homes, food and drink, beds, and light and heat when necessary. May our gifts bless those who receive them. Amen.

Affirming

* HYMN 464 Though hope desert my heart

* Sharing the Peace

L; Peace that goes beyond understanding, peace of body, mind and soul.

All. Peace that only Jesus Christ can give. Peace that heals and makes us whole

L; Let us share that peace together

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** 616 There's a spirit in the air

* **Sending out**

L; Called to follow, called to care, called to serve,

All; may we go from here ready to answer.

L; Called to act, called to listen, called to challenge,

All; may we go from here ready to be sent.

* **Benediction**

Go and walk in the Way of Christ, and may you be blessed by his
Spirit this day and always.

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out