

## **St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall**

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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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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**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]*

*In silence I become aware of God.*

*In the silence I feel the presence of God.*

*In the silence my problems can fall into their rightful place.*

*In the silence I can become a grateful person.*

*And in the silence, God and I become one.*

\* **HYMN** 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him

### \* **Opening Responses**

L; We affirm this world is made for all people;

**All; that the pursuit of health and happiness is  
both the right of all and the responsibility of all.**

## **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**

### From John 8

Early the next morning, Jesus returned to God's Great House in Jerusalem. All the people came to him. He sat down and he began to teach them. The Pharisees and the teachers of God's Law brought a woman to him. They had found her with another man. She was having sex with a man who was not her husband. They made her stand in front of all the people there. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, we found this woman. She was having sex with a man who was not her husband. In God's Law Moses says that we should throw stones at this kind of woman, to kill her. What do you say about this?" They asked this question for a reason. They wanted Jesus to say something

wrong, so that they could punish him. But Jesus bent himself down. He started to write on the ground with his finger.

They continued to ask him questions. So he stood up and he said to them, 'Has any one of you never done anything wrong? That person may throw the first stone to kill her.' Then he bent himself down again and he wrote on the ground. When they heard what Jesus said, the people began to go away. They went one at a time. The older people went first. So then only Jesus remained with the woman. She was still standing there. Jesus stood up. He said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Is there nobody still here who wants to punish you?' She said, 'There is nobody, sir.' So Jesus said, 'I also do not want to punish you. Go away now, and change the way you live. Do not do wrong things again.'

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** 52 How lovely is thy dwelling place [Psalm 84]

## **SERMON**

### **Uplifting of the Offering**

#### Affirming

#### **Prayers of Dedication**

**All; May we live well, making time in our busy-ness, making time to be restful, making time to spend on what really matters. May what we offer now be used to call others to the way of love, affirming us in the Spirit of grace and may we embody her creativity and healing. Amen.**

### **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.

*Celebrating*

**The Invitation to Communion**

\* **HYMN** 659 Put peace into each other's hands

\* **Sharing the Peace**

L; May the peace of Christ be with you.

All; **And also with you.**

**The Thanksgiving.**

**The Story of the Meal**

**The Bread and the Wine**

**The Sharing of Communion**

We share the bread and wine together by passing to one another.

**The Closing Prayer.**

\* **HYMN** 622 We sing a love that sets all people free

\***Sending out**

L; May each of us know we are loved.

**All; That each of us is one of God's children.**

L; May each of us know that we belong.

**All; As God's people each and every day of the week, each month, each year, and throughout our whole lifetime**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

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