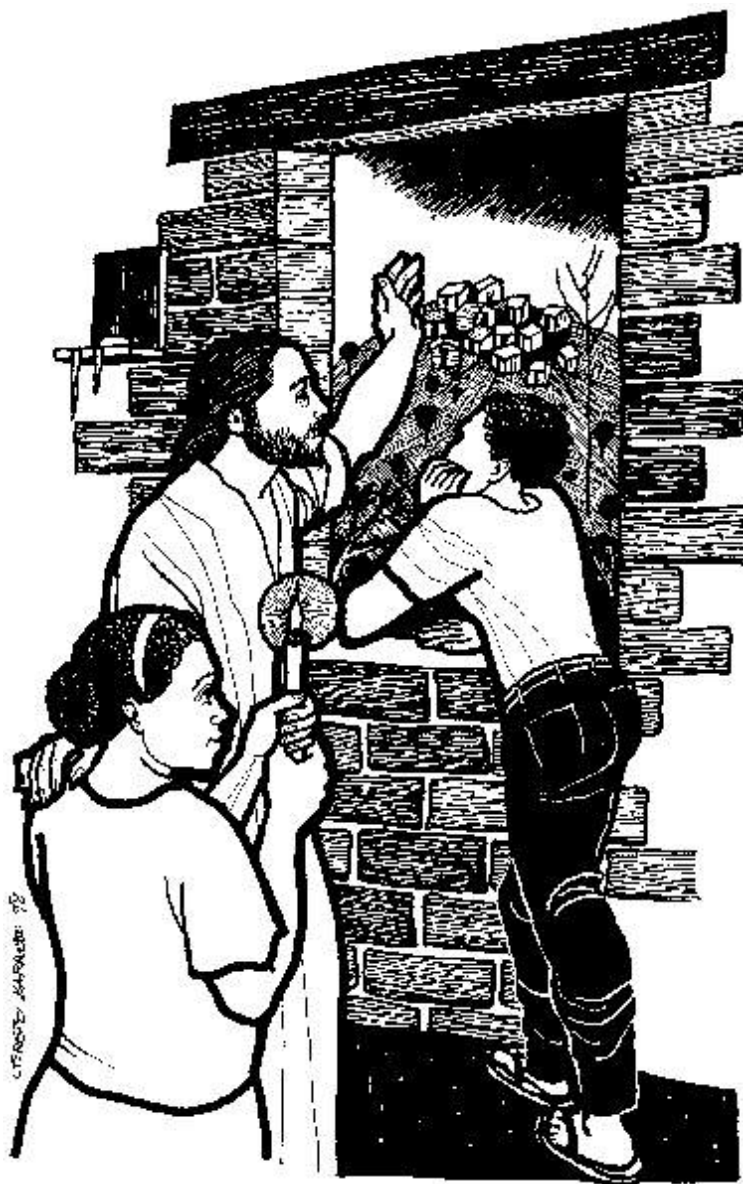


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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. It was founded in 1137 by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order of service will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

Sunday 9th 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]

*I pause for a moment
and reflect on God's life-giving presence
in every part of my body, in everything around me, in the
whole of my life.*

* HYMN "World without end" (Tune: 'Slane1')

Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth:
Cycles of seasons and reason and birth,
Contrasts in outlook and landscape and need,
Challenge of famine, pollution and greed.

Praise to the Lord for the progress of life:
Cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife,
Pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age,
Questions in step with experience and stage.

Praise to the Lord for his care of our kind:
Faith for the faithless and sight for the blind,
Healing, acceptance, disturbance and change,
All the emotions through which our lives range.

Praise to the Lord for the people we meet,
Safe in our homes or at risk in the street:
Kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace,
Smile of a stranger and words full of grace.

* Opening Responses

L; In love the Spirit directs our hearts that we might walk in Christ's
Way

All; Seeking what is beautiful, good, and true.

L; The Spirit leads to resources that enrich all life,

All; and offers an invitation to sit, engage and share.

Gathering Prayer

Exploring

Bible Reading:

L; Until we can see ourselves in the words we read
and the stories we hear, it is easy
to remark on the rest of the world.

**All May the light of these words fall strong
upon each of us, that we can find the truth they reveal
in our own hearts this day**

Ephesians 2; 17-22

When Christ came, he told people God's good news about peace. He told that message to you Gentiles, who were far away from God. He also told it to us Jews, who were near to God. Now we all have received the same Holy Spirit, because of what Christ has done for us. As a result, we can all come near to God the Father.

So now, you Gentiles are not strangers among God's people any more. You belong to the group of God's people that he rules. You belong to God's family, as all God's people do. You are like a house that God is building for himself. God's apostles and his prophets are like the foundation under the house. Jesus Christ is like the most important stone in the house. He makes the whole building stand together strongly. In that way, all God's people together become like a special house that belongs to the Lord. Because you belong to Christ, God is building you all together into his house. That is where God lives by his Spirit.

L; For the words of God that challenge us,
for the words of God we wrestle with or reject,
for the word of God strong within us,

All; We give thanks

* **HYMN** 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Contemporary Reading

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious Giver of all gifts, in this holy moment make us aware,
not so much of what we have given as of all we have received**

and so have yet to share. Let your generosity so flow through us, that our lives will be gifts given freely and abundantly in joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Affirming

* **HYMN 528** Make me a channel of your peace

* **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

Leader: And they asked:

All: Where shall we find him?

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 352** O for a thousand tongues to sing

* **Sending out**

L; As Friends of God, followers of Jesus and people of Spirit,
All; We go into this day and week, alive to the vision that is
God's realm of peace, joy, and compassion.

L; We will hold true to our call.

All; We will continually seek the grace and wisdom of Jesus
the Christ.

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out