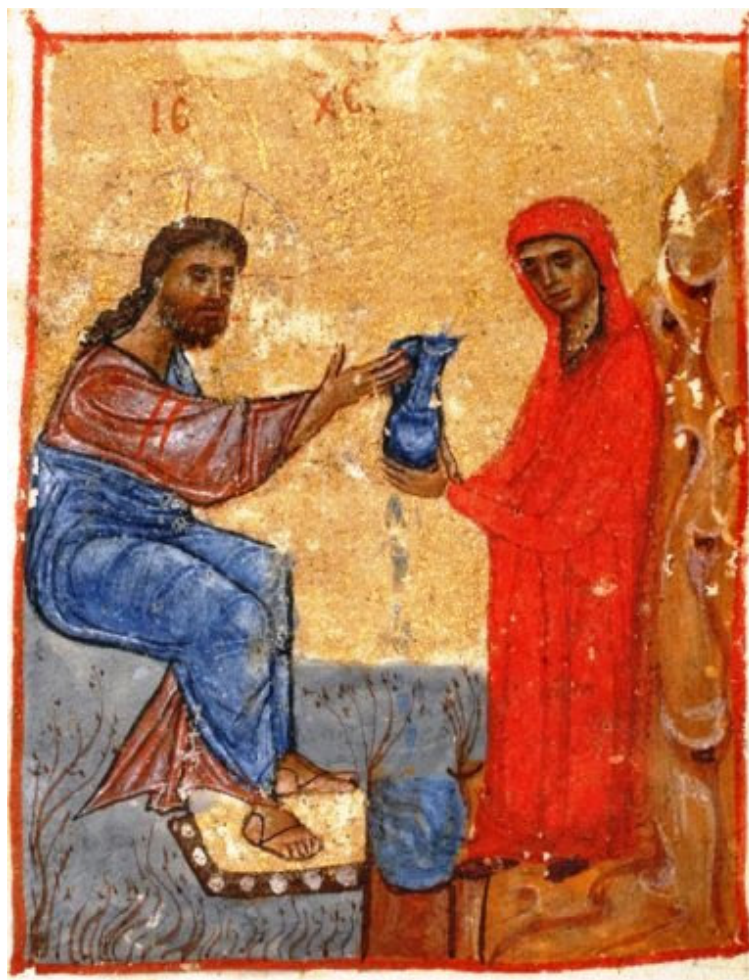


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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. It was founded in 1137 by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle. The Cathedral belongs to the people of Orkney and its doors are open to all. If you are a visitor, we hope this order of service will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

Sunday 15th March
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

Gathering meditation and a time of Silence

[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** 254 O God, we bear the imprint of your face

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**

John 4: 5-7, 9-15, 19-26, 39-42. *(Inclusive Text)*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket', she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you greater than our ancestors Leah, Rachel and Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?'

Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside, welling up to eternal life.'

The woman said, 'Give me some of that water, so that I may never get and never have to come here again to draw water...'

'I see you are a prophet.' said the woman. 'Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman; the hour is coming when you will worship God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 'You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper our God wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to Jesus, 'I know the Messiah is coming - the Anointed One - who will tell us everything.'

'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am that one.'

Many Samaritans of the town had believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so when the Samaritans came up to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them. Jesus stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard this one ourselves who we know really is the saviour of the world.'

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** 59 Oh, come, and let us to the Lord [Psalm 95]

Contemporary Reading.

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

* **HYMN** 550 As the deer pants for water

* **Sharing the Peace**

We adopt the prayer hands position and bow to our neighbours

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

Response sung by all Ch 4793

**Stay with me, remain here with me;
watch and pray, watch and pray.**

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. Amen**

* **HYMN** 182 Now thank we all our God

* **Sending out**

L; The goodness of God satisfies thirsting souls,

All; Giving courage and grace for the journey.

L; Let us go in God's goodness, live out of Christ's grace,

All; And sing gladly of the Spirit's presence,

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out