

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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]*

*God is with me, but more, God is within me.*

*Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my body, in my mind,  
in my heart,  
as I sit here, right now.*

\* HYMN 122 Let the world in every corner sing

### 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**

### John 3 1-11a

There was a man named Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a Jewish leader. One night he went to Jesus and said, "Sir, we know that God has sent you to teach us. You could not work these miracles, unless God were with you." Jesus replied, "I tell you for certain that you must be born from above before you can see God's kingdom!" Nicodemus asked, "How can a grown man ever be born a second time?" Jesus answered: I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit. Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. Don't be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. Jesus replied: How can you be a teacher of Israel and not know these things? I tell you for certain that we know what we are talking about because we have seen it ourselves.

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 81 I to the hills [Psalm 139]

### Contemporary Reading

### Anthem:

### SERMON

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

## Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

\* HYMN 244 Where are the voices for the earth

\* Sharing the Peace

L; Blessed are those who make peace:  
they shall be called sons and daughters of God.  
**All; We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 530 One more step along the world I go

\* Sending out

L; May the Spirit of God brooding over the waters of our chaos,

**All; inspire us to generous living.**

L: May the Wind of God dancing over the desert of our reluctance,

**All; lead us to the oasis of celebration.**

L: May the Breath of God inspiring communication among strangers,

**All; make us channels of peace.**

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen