

# ***St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall***

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**Wisdom is not just special knowledge about something. Wisdom is a way of being, a way of inhabiting the world. The beauty of wisdom is harmony, belonging and illumination of thought, action, heart and mind.**

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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral. 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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**Please, NO photography of any sort during the service.**

**Sunday 27 October 2024**  
**Morning Service - 11.15am**

Rev June Freeth is leading our worship today.

*If you are able, please stand at parts marked \**

*The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold print**.*

**Welcome**

**Gathering Music:**    **Holy, holy, holy**    (Words at Hymn 769)

**Lighting of the Christ candle**

**All:**    Let each of us find a window to see beyond our own enclosures.  
          Let each of us find a door To open ourselves into new being. And  
          so we take this flame and light our candle. May we be blessed as  
          we embrace the future. Blessed as we lay down the past. And  
          blessed in the present moment with lively hope and unexpected  
          wonder.

**Gathering Meditation, Prayer and a time of Silence**

**All sing Hymn 501, verses 1 and 5**    Take this moment

\* **HYMN 198**    Let us build a house

**Bible Reading:**

Leader:    May we open ourselves to the seeds of wisdom  
              that lies dormant in these readings.

**All:**        **And may our minds be fertile soil in which they may grow  
              strong and true.**

As Jesus left Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and to say, 'Descendant of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to be quiet, but Bartimaeus only shouted all the louder, 'Descendant of David, have pity on me!' 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; Jesus is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said, 'Let me see again.' Jesus said, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and Bartimaeus followed him along the road.

Leader:    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.

\* **PSALM 19** [Hymn 10] The stars declare his glory

### **Contemporary Reading**

**Anthem:** Non Nobis, Domine! Roger Quilter

### **SERMON**

**Time for Reflection** [*during which the offering will be brought forward*]

\* **PRAISE** "God of Dawn" [Tune: *Abbot's Leigh* - Hymn 615]

God of dawn, each day's renewal brings the world into your light.  
As your sun defeats the shadows, drives away the darkest night:  
we would greet this new beginning as your call to start again,  
lead us on with hope and courage, make your will and purpose plain.

Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its human pain and loss.  
As your love broke through the barriers by your death upon the cross;  
we still speak your gospel message, though two thousand years have gone.  
Help us now translate its meaning in this present world of wrong.

Holy Spirit, inspiration, light and truth and root of prayer,  
as your challenge moves us forward taking us we know not where:  
we will follow your direction, though the way may not be clear.  
Shape us, change, recreate us, so the future holds no fear.

Praise to God, who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.  
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world your human face.  
Praise the Spirit, daily witness to your ever-loving way.  
Take us now and reawake us, challenge us to use this day.

Marjorie Dobson

\* **Sharing the Peace** [*We share a handshake or bow with hands together.*]

Leader: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.  
May a heart of peace rest with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

### **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 Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* **HYMN 352** [Tune 2, Lyngham] O for a thousand tongues

\* **Sending out**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

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

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Coffee is served after the service in the north aisle leading up to the  
St Rognvald Chapel, next to the Royal Oak bell.  
All are warmly invited to join us for coffee and a chat