

St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall

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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.

Cathedral Facebook QR code below.



Please, NO photography of any sort during the service.

Sunday 16th November 2025
Morning Service - 11.15am

Rev June Freeth is leading our worship today.

**We welcome all visitors to our service. To use the induction loop system,
please turn to the "T" setting.**

*If you are able, please stand at parts marked **
*All are invited to say the words in **bold print**.*

Welcome

Gathering Music

Lighting of the Christ candle

All: We are people of all ages who enter this safe space bringing our joys and concerns. 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.

All sing [*seated*] Hymn 540, verses 1 and 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Gathering Meditation, Prayer and a Time of Silence

*** PRAISE** "Spirit of God, Creation's Force"

Spirit of God, creation's force, and power of evolution's course,
gave breath of life to humankind and then inspired inventive mind.

Spirit of history's linked events has shown repeated evidence
of hidden influence, working through all our world leaders try to do.

Spirit of prophet's utterance proclaimed in needy circumstance
a word of God, through human voice with challenge to courageous choice.

Spirit of power and truth and grace, renews today the human race,
bestowing gifts, producing fruits, promoting godly attributes.

Spirit, possess and fill us whole, fill every heart and mind and soul,
infuse our being with your power that we may serve this present hour.

Bible Reading:

Reader: Into this day will break moments of awareness, tiny shards
of light that illumine the whole reality of existence.

**All: May this reading be such a moment
and may we be blessed by its gift.**

Isaiah 65:17-25 [*New International Version*]

¹⁷"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice

forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. ²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Reader: We listen for truth, yet it is elusive – a thought here, a verse there.

All: May we collect it all, write what is worthy on our hearts, and let the rest spill past our consciousness leaving us clear and whole.

* **HYMN 62** [Psalm 98] Sing a new song to the Lord

Contemporary Reading

Anthem

SERMON

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

* **HYMN 261** Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation

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

Leader: Let us now 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

All: Holy Being, whom we call by many different names, Blessed are you. Blessed are we in you. May we create with you a realm of mercy, peace and justice. May love be done in the here and now as it is in the infinite. May we share life in bread and hope. For our failures to love, we need forgiveness. May we find the paths of reconciliation. In the midst of evil's every incarnation, From the powers that possess our spirits and our structures, May we find liberation. In the power that is love, we seek to live and move and have our being. May it be so, now and forever. Amen

*** HYMN 352 O for a thousand tongues**

*** Parting words:**

Leader: As we depart one from another, let our hearts be secure through every human season.

All: Let our hearts be secure in seasons of anguish as in seasons of joy, in seasons of failure as in seasons of success, in seasons of uncertainty as in seasons of security.

Leader: Let our hearts be secure in this dual reality: we are worthy recipients of love and support we can never earn,

All: and we are worthy providers of love and support others cannot earn. Let our hearts be secure, for hearts know and understand and will respond if invited in.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out

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NOTICES

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.

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Sunday 23rd November

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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St Magnus Cathedral Guild is planning to hold a Christmas soup lunch in the St Magnus Centre after the morning service on Sunday 7 December. All members of the congregation and friends are warmly invited to come along and enjoy soup, homebakes and fellowship. If you wish to attend, please add your name and any dietary requirements to the list at the west end, or phone Margaret Kirkness on 07834 072191 by Sunday 30 November.

There is no set charge, but donations in aid of the Guild's projects would be welcome.

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