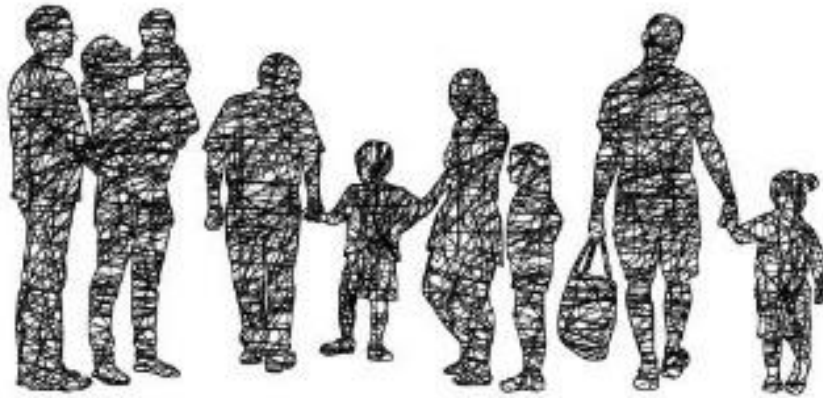


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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral. It was founded in 1137
by St Rognvald, in honour of Magnus, his uncle.

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 11 January 2026
Morning Service – 11.15am - *God surprises*

The Very Rev Dr Susan Brown 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

Leader: Come afresh Lord Jesus, to a world in need of hope and healing. Come to light up our lives with Love immortal.

All: May we reflect your light and love, Lord, in all we think and say and do - to your everlasting glory.

All sing (seated) **Hymn 181** (verses 1 and 5) For the beauty of the earth

Prayer and a time of Silence

* **HYMN 713** Come all who look to God

Bible Reading:

Leader: Open the eyes of our hearts to understand your words and your deeds, good Lord.

All: Speak to us of hope and love and of joy and peace, for this and every day.

1 Samuel 3:1-10

3 In those days, when the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under the direction of Eli, there were very few messages from the LORD, and visions from him were quite rare. **2** One night Eli, who was now almost blind, was sleeping in his own room; **3** Samuel was sleeping in the sanctuary, where the sacred Covenant Box was. Before dawn, while the lamp was still burning, **4** the LORD called Samuel. He answered, "Yes, sir!" **5** and ran to Eli and said, "You called me, and here I am."

But Eli answered, "I didn't call you; go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed.

6-7 The LORD called Samuel again. The boy did not know that it was the LORD, because the LORD had never spoken to him before. So he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

But Eli answered, "My son, I didn't call you; go back to bed."

⁸ The LORD called Samuel a third time; he got up, went to Eli, and said, "You called me, and here I am."

Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy, ⁹ so he said to him, "Go back to bed; and if he calls you again, say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Leader: Let God's name be praised. Amen.

* **HYMN 6** [Psalm 9] God shall endure for aye

Reflection

Anthem

Bible Reading:

Leader: Listen again, for the word of the Lord

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come with me!" (⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, the town where Andrew and Peter lived.) ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about. He is Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," answered Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, he said about him, "Here is a real Israelite; there is nothing false in him!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ "Teacher," answered Nathanael, "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you when you were under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than this!"

⁵¹ And he said to them, "I am telling you the truth: you will see heaven open and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man."

Leader: Let God's name be praised. Amen.

SERMON

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

* **HYMN 251** I, the Lord of sea and sky

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

Leader: As a tiny part of the people of God, and as a symbol of the one family we are, in God, we share and pass on the peace.
Peace be 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 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

[*The prayers close with all saying together:*]

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

* **HYMN 237** Look forward in faith

Parting words:

Leader: Go now to follow where Christ leads.

All: **Give us the courage to listen Lord, for your voice and the
grace to trust you with our lives and with the life of the
world.**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out

NOTICES

Sunday 18 January

9.30am Early communion in the St Rognvald Chapel

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.
