

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 1 February 2026
Morning Service – 11.15am

Rev John Butterfield 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 and Call to Worship

Gathering Music: Look upon us, blessèd Lord (Words at Hymn 601)

Lighting of the Christ candle

All: We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of God in our midst and we pray that God will enlighten us in mind and spirit. May God's light overwhelm and cleanse the dark areas of our lives. May this light help us to see what God wants us to see, and lead us to do what is pleasing in God's sight.

All sing [*seated*] Hymn 135 O laughing Light, O first-born of creation

Gathering Meditation and a time of Silence

*** HYMN 124 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Old Testament Reading Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may enter your Temple?
Who may worship on Zion, your sacred hill?
- 2 Those who obey God in everything
and always do what is right,
whose words are true and sincere,
- 3 and who do not slander others.
They do no wrong to their friends
nor spread rumours about their neighbours.
- 4 They despise those whom God rejects,
but honour those who obey the Lord.
They always do what they promise,
no matter how much it may cost.
- 5 They make loans without charging interest
and cannot be bribed to testify against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will always be secure.

*** HYMN 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Anthem: **Locus iste** Anton Bruckner

SERMON: Blessed are you

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

* **HYMN 532** Lord, you have come to the seashore

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

Leader: Let us take some time to greet each other in the peace of Christ. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ 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 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 519** [Tune: Hymn 702] Love divine, all loves excelling

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out

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 8 February

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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each week for a dedicated on-line service, either on FaceBook or
YouTube.

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