

# ***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.

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**Cathedral Facebook QR code below.**



**Please, NO photography of any sort during the service.**

**Sunday 1 March 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**

**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 110 (verses 1 and 4)      Glory be to God the Father**

**Gathering Meditation and a time of Silence**

**\* HYMN 132      Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving**

**Old Testament Reading:    [*New King James Version*]**

**Psalm 121    **God the Help of Those Who Seek Him**  
A Song of Ascents.**

**121** I will lift up my eyes to the hills—  
From whence comes my help?

**2** My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

**3** He will not allow your foot to be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.

**4** Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

**5** The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**6** The sun shall not strike you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.

**7** The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
He shall preserve your soul.

**8** The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and even for evermore.

\* **HYMN 355**      You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

**Gospel Reading:**    [*New King James Version*]

**Matthew 17:1-9**      **Jesus Transfigured on the Mount**

**17** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, brought them up on a high mountain by themselves; <sup>2</sup>and was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, let us make here three booths: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear him!" <sup>6</sup>And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup>Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

**Anthem:**                      **God so loved the world**      John Stainer

### **SERMON**

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

\* **HYMN 353**              Bright the cloud and bright the glory

\* **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**

Leader:      This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray boldly, saying, "Our Father ..."

**All:**              **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 336** Christ is our light!

\* **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

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### **Friday 6 March**

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6 March at 7pm in Our Lady & St Joseph, Roman Catholic Church, Junction Road, Kirkwall. This year the service "I will Give you rest: - Come" has been written by Christian Women of Nigeria. All welcome to join this service of praise, prayer and fellowship.

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### **Sunday 8 March**

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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### **Saturday 21 March**

The Kirkwall Christian Aid group are holding a Quiz night on Saturday 21 March in the St Magnus Centre. Teams of 4 at £5 per person, including supper, can be booked by phoning Kirkwall 01856 874179 or emailing [quiz@lirona.co.uk](mailto:quiz@lirona.co.uk). There will also be a raffle.

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