

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

**Sunday 15 February 2026**  
**Morning Service - 11.15am**

Worship Leader Rosemary Moon is conducting 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:      **Be still and know that I am God****

**Lighting of the Christ candle**

**All:    Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. We choose to live in Christ's  
light and to bring his Good News to our troubled world.**

**All sing [*seated*] Hymn 801      Ubi caritas et amor      [*sung three times*]**

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

**\* HYMN 212      Morning has broken**

**Bible Readings:**

**Reader:      The wisdom of the Scriptures fills our hearts**

**All:            **May we hear both wisdom and meaning for the days ahead.****

**Colossians 1:3-20**

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the

inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

#### Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus. As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reader: May we hear the message in these words

**All: And find meaning and inspiration in it.**

\* **HYMN 512** To God be the glory

#### **Top Takeaways - The Creation**

**Anthem:** **Almighty God, which hast me brought** Thomas Ford

#### **SERMON**

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

\* **HYMN 528** Make me a channel of your peace

\* **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**

**God who cares for us  
the wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.  
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.  
Let Your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.  
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.  
Forgive us our wrongdoing  
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.  
Protect us from pride and from despair  
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.  
In You is truth, meaning, glory and power  
while worlds come and go.  
Amen.**

\* **HYMN 476**           Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

\* **Parting words and Benediction**

Leader:     Joyful, generous, creator God, source of everything

All:           **May we receive as joyfully as You give, and share the Good  
News of Your love and generosity with those we meet in the  
coming days**

\* **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 22 February**

11.15am     Morning Service of Celebration

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