

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 22 February 2026
Morning Service - 11.15am

Rev Kirrilee Reid 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: **Into this world of sorrow (The Renunciation)** Percy C.Buck

Lighting of the Christ candle

Leader: The Lord is our light and salvation **All: The stronghold of life**

Leader: One thing we ask **All: To live in God's house**

Leader: One thing we seek **All: To behold the beauty of the Lord**

Leader: Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage

All: Wait for the Lord

All sing [*seated*] Taizé Hymn [from Hymn 276]:

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart. [*sung three times*]

Gathering Meditation, Prayer and a time of silence

* **HYMN 608** Spirit of truth and grace

Bible Readings:

Reader: Listen to the Word of God in Scripture

All: Open our ears to hear, Open the eyes of our hearts to see.

Psalms 27 [*New Revised Standard Version*]

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies. ¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Matthew 4:1-11 [New Revised Standard Version]

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
² He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴ But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'
⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'
⁷ Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'
⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: Come Holy Spirit and inspire our hearts and our minds
All: May the wisdom and understanding of your Word lead to transformation in us and in the world

* **HYMN 338** Jesus, tempted in the desert

Journeying God, in the wilderness, when all is stripped bare,
remind us that it is your Holy Spirit leading and working that which is good in us.

'One does not live by bread alone.' Forgive us, loving God, for our greed and our wants, at the expense of others

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

'...worship the Lord and serve only him.' Forgive us, loving God, for worshipping other gods - money, work, success, progress, people, power.

Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' Forgive us, loving God, for needing proof that you exist, proof that you care, proof that we are in the right.

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Give us the courage to acknowledge our failures and the grace to live differently. Help us to resist evil and to seek your face.

Forgive us and free us in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Anthem: **Nolo mortem peccatoris** Thomas Morley, ed. John Morehen

SERMON

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

* **HYMN 659** [omit v.4] Put peace into each other's hands

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

Leader: Peace between countries, Peace between neighbours,
Peace between us, Peace within us.
The peace of God be always 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, which 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, for ever. Amen.

* **HYMN 622** We sing a love

* **Parting words and Benediction**

Leader: God is our light and salvation

All: We will wait for the Lord

Leader: The goodness of God will be seen in the land of the living

All: We will wait for the Lord

Leader: Be strong and let your heart take courage

All: We will wait for the Lord

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out

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 1 March

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration
