

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 12 April 2026
Morning Service - 11.15am

Rev Dr John Cook 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: Love's redeeming work is done

Lighting of the Christ candle

Leader: Though I have fallen, I will rise.

All: Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light. (Micah 7:8)

All sing [*seated*] Hymn 412 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Prayer and a time of Silence

*** HYMN 416 Christ is alive!**

Bible Reading:

Reader: May these words of Scripture be words of peace to us

**All: May these words create the space for the Holy Spirit to
breath into our lives**

John 20:19-31 [*New International Version*]

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed;

blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: These words were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.

All: **By believing, may we have life in his name.**

* **PSALM 103, verses 1 to 5** [Hymn 68] O thou my soul, bless God the Lord

Contemporary Reading:

"Don't expect faith to clear things up for you. It is trust, not certainty."

Flannery O'Connor

Anthem: **Come, ye faithful** R.S.Thatcher

SERMON

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

* **HYMN 417** Now the green blade riseth

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

Leader: Speak peace in words. Share peace in action. Reach beyond the immediate and familiar to do both. 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 430** Christ has risen while earth slumbers

* **Parting words**

Leader: Without having seen, you have believed

All: **May we know ourselves blessed: and blessed to bless a world in pieces.**

* **Benediction**

* **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 19 April

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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Wednesday 29 April

7.30pm An evening with the Leprosy Mission, at the Life Church, East Road, Kirkwall. The talk on the work of the organisation will include recent visits to Nepal and India. Tea, coffee and homebakes afterwards.

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Sunday 10 May

12.30pm Christian Aid Week Soup Lunch in the St Magnus Centre.

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If you are a visitor and have enjoyed our service today you can join us each week for a dedicated on-line service, either on FaceBook or YouTube.

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