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 18 October 2026

Morning Service - 11.15am

Rev Norman Whyte 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: As pants the hart, for cooling streams
(Words at Hymn 32 vv.1,2,4)

Lighting of the Christ candle

All: As we remember that Christ is the 'life-light' bringing life to the world and filling the darkness with light. With the candle we light, we proclaim that the light of Christ is stronger than the shadows, and the life He brings is everlasting.

All sing [*seated*] Hymn 787 May the Lord, mighty God

Gathering Meditation, Prayer and a Time of Silence

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

Bible Reading:

Reader: May we be struck by the wisdom of these words and marked by hearing them.

All: For within story lies meaning, and within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.

Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

[22]When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader: Let these words be our inspiration
All: **Let us respond to the Word of God in thought, in word and in deed**.

*** HYMN 154** O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder

ROYAL OAK COMMEMORATION

Anthem: O give thanks unto the Lord John Wood

SERMON

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

* **HYMN 356** Meekness and majesty

* **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
All: **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 and ever. Amen.**

* **HYMN 457** All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

* **Parting words**

All: **As we take our worship, praise and prayer from this place and into our daily lives, may our lives be sustained through the love of our Heavenly Father. May we feel the presence of our Saviour walking beside us, and know the power of the Spirit in both our actions and our words.**

* **Benediction**

*** 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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Everybody is warmly invited to join us for coffee and a chat on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12 noon in the St Magnus Centre.

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Sunday 25 October

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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Wednesday 28 October

6.30pm Stated Annual Meeting via Zoom. The link may be obtained from Rev Julia Meason on request.

7pm The Kirk Session of Orkney Islands Church of Scotland meets online.

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Sunday 30 September saw the last on-line service of worship for the time being. There are about six years worth of services on FaceBook and YouTube - please continue to watch them until and if things change.

Search for St Magnus Cathedral Orkney on FB or use the QR code, or @stmagnuscathedral9297 on YouTube

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