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 4 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: The eyes of all wait on Thee, O Lord
Orig. by Harold Darke, reconstructed by M.Bell

Lighting of the Christ candle

All: As we light this candle, God of harvest time we gather together today as Your people and Your church to celebrate and to give thanks for the harvest we have been fortunate enough to share in. Enable us to be fruitful in our worship and to praise You with joyful hearts.

All sing [*seated*] Hymn 181 [verse 1] For the beauty of the earth

Gathering Meditation, Prayer and a Time of Silence

*** HYMN 233** Come, you thankful people, come

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.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, [2] take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name [3] and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." [4] The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the Lord your God. [5] Then you shall declare before the Lord your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and

numerous. [6] But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. [7] Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. [8] So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. [9] He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; [10] and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. [11] Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

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

*** <u>HYMN 231</u>** For the fruits of all creation

<u>Anthem</u>: **Thou visitest the earth** <u>Maurice Greene</u>

<u>SERMON</u>

<u>Time for Reflection</u> [*during which the offering will be brought forward*]

* **<u>HYMN 229</u>** We plough the fields and scatter

* **<u>Sharing the Peace</u>** [*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.**

<u>Candle of Remembrance and Hope</u>
[*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.

<u>Prayers of Concern and the Lord's Prayer</u>
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 153** Great is thy faithfulness

* **Parting words**

All: **May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, who leads the lambs to their pasture and the deer to still waters, who multiplied the loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity.**

* **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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Today, Sunday 4 October

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

Today we will be celebrating the bounty of the Earth in our church Harvest Festival. The Cathedral will be decorated with fresh fruit and vegetables, and you are invited to take some away after the service. Donations will be gratefully received and the money will go to the Kirkwall food bank.

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Sunday 11 October

11.15am Morning Service of Celebration.

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Sunday 30 September saw the last on-line service of worship for the time being. Everyone involved deserves a break and Nick Moon, who has done the technical bit for over five years, is awaiting cataract surgery. 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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