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Welcome to St Magnus Cathedral this morning. 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.

Sunday 25th June
Morning Service - 11.15am

*If you are able, please stand at parts marked **

*The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold** print.*

Gathering

Gathering Music: E. Rautavaara, Psalm of Invocation (from Vigilia)
Bergen Cathedral Choir

Lighting of the Christ candle

Welcome to Worship

* **HYMN** 245 It's a world of sunshine

Opening Responses

L: Welcome. It is God's welcome

All; We are valued and loved. It is God's welcome.

L; We offer some refreshment. It is God's welcome.

All; We stay a while in this place. It is God's welcome.

Gathering Prayer

Bible Reading:

L; Even as we seek understanding, our minds
too often shelter us from the realities we might uncover.

All May we have the courage to hear and hold truths found within these words

From Genesis chapters 2 and 3

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. He said to him, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day." Then the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and formed a woman out of the rib and brought her to him. The man and the woman were both naked, but they were not embarrassed. Now the snake was the most cunning animal that the LORD God had made. The snake asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" "We may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden," the woman answered, "except the tree in the middle of it. God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die." The snake replied, "That's not true; you will not die. God said that, because he knows that when you eat it you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad." So the woman took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, and he also ate it. As soon as they had eaten it, they were given understanding and realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and covered themselves. Then the LORD God said, "Now the man has become like one of us and has knowledge of what is good and what is bad. He must not be allowed to take fruit from the tree that gives life, eat it, and live for ever." So the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden and made him cultivate the soil from which he had been formed.

L; For the truth made known in texts for the wisdom found
on different paths for the hope that leads us on

All; We give thanks.

ANTHEM E. Rautavaara Ekteniya of the Litany (from Vigilia)

Bergen Cathedral Choir

SERMON

Uplifting of the Offering

Prayers of Dedication

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.

Celebrating

The Invitation to Communion

*L; St Magnus Cathedral is an open community
and all are invited to Christ's table.
Wherever you are on your faith's journey,
wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to,
whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe,
you are welcome to participate in the communion.
This sacred meal is for all people. So let us share in the sacred story
and celebrate the feast of the resurrection.
This sacred meal is for all people.
**All; So let us share in the sacred story
and celebrate the feast of the resurrection***

* **HYMN** 656 I come with joy, a child of God

Sharing the Peace

L; The peace of the earth be with us, the peace of the heavens too.
All; Deep peace falling over us; God's peace growing in us.

The Thanksgiving.

L; God is the heart of life. All **And we are the heartbeat.**
L: May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.
All **We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.**

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L; Therefore, with all lovers throughout the ages we praise you saying:
All **Holy, holy, holy, resurrection God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Story of the Meal

Bread and the Wine

The Sharing of Communion

The elders bring the bread and wine to the people who share it together by passing to one another.

The Closing Prayer.

* **HYMN** 201 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

***Sending out**

L; Where the world is unwelcoming, may we offer friendship.

All; Where words of love are dismissed, may we speak as prophets.

L ; Where people thirst for justice, may we bring the water of life.

All; And may we seek no reward but to serve the God who sends us.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out