

## **St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall**

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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.

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**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**

#### **Lighting of the Christ candle**

#### **Welcome to Worship**

\* **HYMN** 52 How lovely is thy dwelling place

#### \* **Opening Responses**

L; We enter this sacred space, conscious that we are  
**All; called to both celebrate and protect, our connectedness  
to the source and web of life, and to each other.**  
L; So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of this life  
**All; in the presence of God.**

#### **Gathering Prayer**

Exploring

#### **Bible Reading:**

L; May we open ourselves to the seeds of wisdom  
that lie dormant in this reading.  
All **And may our minds be fertile soil  
in which they may grow strong and true**

#### **Matthew 22; 15-22**

The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what others think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, or not?" Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin for paying the tax!"

They brought him the coin, and he asked them, "Whose face and name are these?" "The Emperor's," they answered.

So Jesus said to them, "Well, then, pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay God what belongs to God."

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

L. For the word of God in scripture, For the word of God among us. For the word of God within us.

**All; We give thanks**

\* **HYMN** 644 O Jesus I have promised

#### **Contemporary Reading**

#### **Anthem:**

#### **SERMON**

#### **Uplifting of the offering**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Affirming

**A Time of Silence** [You may wish to use these words to help focus]  
*Awake and aware of the Christ light within me, I choose to express the Christ as I  
allow my inner light to shine forth.*

\* **HYMN** 363 We have a gospel to proclaim

### \* **Sharing the Peace**

'Every Sunday, in this Cathedral, we have a very special time when we greet each other in love and friendship. We welcome everyone who worships here - by shaking hands and saying to each other, 'Peace be with you.'

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.**

### **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.

## **Act Of Ordination Of New Elders Simon Brown and Denise Brown**

L; There are different gifts.

**ALL. But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

L; There are different ways of serving God.

**ALL. But it is the same God who is served.**

L: God works through different people in different ways.

**ALL. But it is the same God who achieves the purpose through them  
all.**

L; Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

**ALL.. To use it for the common good.**

## **The Flower Festival**

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\* **HYMN** 470 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### \* **Sending out**

L; We are called to join the adventure of living a passionate life.

**All So may we be carried past the boundaries  
and near horizons of our life's small dreams.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**