

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Morning Service - 11.15am**

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

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

## Welcome to Worship

### Gathering Music

#### Lighting of the Christ candle and a time of Silence

L; As the light of new life shines out from the Empty Tomb,  
**All; So may we in this Easter season shine with the light of hope and share the promise of life.**

*[You may wish to use these words to help focus]*

*I pause for a moment and reflect on God's life-giving presence  
in every part of my body, in everything around me,  
in the whole of my life.*

\* **HYMN** 414 Come, you faithful raise the strain

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

L; Let us celebrate ordinary things

**All; and the actions we are capable of doing.**

L; Let us celebrate community

**All; and the life that brings to justice and renewal.**

L; Let us celebrate each other

**All; and the worth each has in a diversity of gifts.**

### Gathering Prayer

#### Exploring

#### **Bible Readings:**

L; Until we can see ourselves in the words we read  
and the stories we hear, it is easy  
to remark on the rest of the world.

**All May the light of these words fall strong  
upon each of us, that we can find the truth they reveal  
in our own hearts this day**

#### Ephesians 4; 1-4

So I, who am in prison for the Lord, ask you something strongly. God has chosen you to be his own people. So, I ask you to live as God's own people should live. Do not think that you are better or more important than other people. Always be kind and patient. Love each other, and do not become angry with each other quickly. Do your best to let God's Spirit keep you united as friends, without any trouble between you. There is one body and there is one Spirit. God has chosen you to be his own people, and all of us wait certainly for the same good things.

#### Mark 9; 33-37

Jesus and his disciples arrived at Capernaum. When they were in the house, Jesus asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they did not say anything. They did not want to tell Jesus why they were arguing. On the way, they had argued about who was the most important disciple. Jesus sat down. He asked the 12 disciples to come. Then he said to them, 'If you want to be the leader, make yourself less important than everyone else. Become the servant of everyone.' Then he took a child. He put that child in the middle of the disciples. While Jesus hugged the

child, he said to them, 'If someone accepts this child because of me, then he accepts me. If he accepts me, then he is not only accepting me. He is also accepting God, who sent me.'

L; For the words of God that challenge us,  
for the words of God we wrestle with or reject,  
for the word of God strong within us,  
**All; We give thanks**

\* HYMN 425 The Saviour died, but rose again

Contemporary Reading

Anthem:

SERMON

Uplifting of the offering

Prayer of Dedication

*Affirming*

\* HYMN 610 Love of the Father, love of God the Son

\* Sharing the Peace [A chance for people to bless others in God's presence]

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.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

\* HYMN 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

\* Sending out

L; Who are we that we should be called disciples of Christ?

**All; We are ordinary people, the ones called to follow.**

L; We have come to follow and we go now to serve!

**All; We go as the ordinary people called do God's extraordinary work.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

*Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out*