

## **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 14<sup>th</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**.*

## Gathering

### Welcome to Worship

### Gathering Music

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

L: We sing and dance with the crowds as we enter the city,  
joyfully we share the light of God that is among us.

**ALL; May its light continue to glow as the week draws on and the  
darkness gathers.**

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

*In silence I become aware of God. In the silence I feel the presence of  
God.*

*In the silence my problems can fall into their rightful place. In the silence  
I can become a grateful person. And in the silence, God and I become  
one.*

\* **HYMN** 370 Ride on, ride on in majesty

### \* Opening Responses

L; In hope, in longing: In solidarity with those who struggle:

**All; We're glad to come together.**

L; In resistance to those who dominate:

in memory of Jesus, who lived with compassion:

**All; We're glad to come together.**

L; In memory of all who act with courage: in assurance that we belong  
here:

**All; We're glad to come together.**

### 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**

### Luke 19:28-40

When Jesus had said all this, he went on in front of them. He was going towards Jerusalem. He was getting near to two villages called Bethphage and Bethany. They were on the hill called the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus sent two of his disciples to go on. He told them, 'Go into the village that is in front of you. When you arrive there, you will find a young donkey. Someone has tied it there. Nobody has yet ridden on it. Undo the rope and bring the donkey here to me. Someone may ask you, "Why are you taking the donkey?" If they do, tell them, "The Master needs it." The two men went into the village. They saw everything there

that Jesus had told them about. While they were taking the young donkey, some men spoke to them. It was their own donkey. They asked, 'Why are you taking the donkey?' 'The Master needs it,' the disciples replied. They brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on its back. Then they helped Jesus to sit on it. While he was riding along, the people were putting their coats down on the road in front of him. Jesus got near to the lowest part of the hill called the Mount of Olives. The whole crowd of his disciples were very happy. They began to praise God with loud voices. They thanked him for all the great things that they had seen. They said: 'Great is the king that comes with the authority of the Lord God! We want all to be well in heaven. We praise our powerful God above!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, stop your disciples from saying these things.' 'Let me tell you this,' Jesus replied. 'If these people were quiet, the stones of the city would shout out instead!'

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.**

\* **HYMN** The sound of praising, T CH4 510

Listen to the sound of praising! Something great is happening here!  
Little children cry, 'Hosanna!' Crowds of people shout and cheer.  
What procession's this that's coming? No triumphant lord it brings,  
But, instead, a humble Jesus coming as a servant king.

Crowds of people press and jostle; more and more soon gather round.  
'Make some room for this procession! Cast your cloaks upon the  
ground!'

So I join in all the cheering, wave my branches with the rest,  
Throw my coat to make a pathway fit for such a special guest.

Jesus, on a donkey riding down this royal thoroughfare ...  
Does he fear what fate awaits him? Well he knows his Easter's here!  
Will I only stand and watch him as he travels past today?  
Or will I begin a journey with his friends along his way?

Now I know the waiting's over, I'll step out beyond the throng,  
With the faithful and the doubters, offering my 'Hosanna' song.  
No more standing by the roadside. No more watching from the wings.  
Now I'll start my Easter journey, following Christ, my Servant King

## “Gospel Glimpses”

### Anthem:

SERMON Mark Calder of Embrace the Middle East

### Uplifting of the offering

### Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

### \* Sharing the Peace

L; Peace be with us all.

**All; With justice comes peace.**

L; Let us build peace together and change our world.

**All; We share a sign of peace**

### 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 Jesus Prayer

First chanted in Syriac-Aramaic by Mark Calder

Then said together.

**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 279 Make way, make way, for Christ the King

### \* Sending out

L; The choice has been made, the way chosen,

**All; the clash between humanity and love comes to a head.**

L; Let us join the journey and share the story of the Christ

**All; who can give no more so gives himself.**

### \* Benediction

### \* Choral Amen

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out