

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**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

**All; For gathering today in this sacred space,  
we light the flame. For the opportunity to be together as a  
community,  
to remember the past, to claim our future, to be alive in our present,  
we light the flame**

*[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** 343 The reign of God, like farmer's field

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

L; May our time together renew our hope.

**All; May the stories we share refresh our courage.**

L; May the songs we sing lift our spirits.

**All; May the words we speak invigorate us.**

L; May the touch of hands, the sound of laughter,

**All; the sight of faces new and familiar, restore us in faith.**

### 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**

#### From Genesis Ch 32

Later that same night, Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his 11 children; and he crossed the Jabbok River. He sent them all ahead across the stream along with everything he had; but Jacob stayed behind, left alone in his distress and doubt. In

the twilight of his anguish, an unknown man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw he was not winning the battle with Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was thrown out of joint as he continued to wrestle with him.

The Man said: Let me go; the dawn is breaking.

Jacob: I will not let you go unless you bless me.

[Man] What's your name?

Jacob: Jacob.

[Man]: You will no longer go by the name Jacob. From now on, your name will be Israel because you have wrestled with God and humanity, and you have prevailed.

Jacob: Please, tell me your name.

[Man]: Why do you ask what my name is?

Right then and right there the man blessed Jacob. So Jacob called the place Peniel because as he said, "I have come face to face with God, and yet my life was spared."

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** 782 Lord of life, we come to you

### "Gospel Glimpses"

**Anthem:**

**SERMON**

**Time for Reflection** [during which the offering will be uplifted]

**Prayer of Dedication**

Affirming

\* **HYMN** 724 Christ's is the world in which we move

\* **Sharing the Peace**

L; Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace  
and of our shared friendship.

The peace of God is here... to stay.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **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**

Response, alternately

L; We say....

**All; How beautiful are the feet of those...**

L; We say....

**How beautiful are the lips of those...**

**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** 189 Be still....

\* **Sending out**

L; Let us go as far as our courage takes us,

**All; for we cannot go beyond the reach of God.**

L; Let us give as extravagantly as we may,

**All; for we cannot spend all the riches of God.**

L; Let us care as lavishly as we are able,

**All; for we cannot exhaust the love of God.**

L: We keep wrestling, journeying and searching,

**All; for God will always travel with us.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**