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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 19th May
NATURE FESTIVAL SERVICE
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; In this Season of new growth, new life, new hope,

All; We light a candle to remind us of the Light which could not be put out, the light that shines from the Empty Tomb.

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

* **HYMN** 147, All creatures of our God and King vs 1,2,4,7

* **Opening Responses**

L Humankind has not woven the web of life.

All; We are but one thread within it.

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

L; All things are bound together.

All; All things connect

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 Job Chapter 12

Job said to his friends: You think you are so great, with all the answers. But I know as much as you do, and so does everyone else. I have always lived right, and God answered my prayers; now friends make fun of me. It's easy to condemn those who are suffering, when you have no troubles. If you want to learn, then go and ask the wild animals and the birds, the flowers and the fish. Any of them can tell you what God has done. Every living creature is in the hands of God.

We hear with our ears, taste with our tongues, and gain some wisdom from those who have lived a long time. But God is the real source of wisdom and strength.

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** "Miracle of life" (Tune: 'Ode to joy')

Miracle of life unfolding, dazzling to our watching eyes,
far beyond full comprehension, secrets of the earth and sky.
Each advance of understanding
each new piece of knowledge gained
leaves the soul amazed and humbled, child-like wonder yet remains.

Nature teems with life abundant, stunning in variety,
shape and size and colour differing, wondrous in complexity.
From a high, majestic mountain to the contours of a shell,
Life has much to teach of difference, Rich we be to learn it well.

Filled with joy we stand in wonder at the life in which we share,
Gratefully we find our spirits sensing glory everywhere.
Sun and moon and tiny creature in their beauty stir the heart,
leading us to sacred duty, call us well to do our part

Scott Kearns 2008

"Gospel Glimpses"

Anthem:

SERMON

Uplifting of the offering

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

* **HYMN** 149 Let all creation dance

* **Sharing the Peace**

L; Blessed are those who make peace:
they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

All; We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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

**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** 141 O the life of the world is a joy and a treasure

* **Sending out**

**L; We go into a wide open world with wide open eyes,
All; recognising the many wonders and mysteries with which
God
paints this world.**

**L; We go celebrating, singing hallelujahs,
All; and proclaiming what a wonderful we live in**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Please remain seated until choir and clergy have processed out