

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**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; We light our candle to illuminate the world we seek.

In the search for truth, may we be just.

In the search for justice, may we be loving.

And, in loving, may we find peace.

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

*God is with me, but more, God is within me.*

*Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my  
body, in my mind, in my heart,  
as I sit here, right now.*

\* HYMN 639 I bind unto myself today

#### \* Opening Responses

L; Distance is measured in heartbeats sometimes

All; We can be standing very close to another yet miles away

L; Distance is not only a matter of geography

All; But a matter of the heart

L; We stand here, but where are we?

All; Where are others in relation to us and in relation to  
Christ?

### Gathering Prayer

#### Exploring

#### Bible Reading:

L; May we be struck by the wisdom of these words  
and marked by hearing them.

All For within story lies meaning, and  
within meaning, the wisdom for which we seek.

From Luke 13

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." Jesus said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons

and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

'Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

'See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

L. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
**All; Amen. So be it.**

\* HYMN 42 Only on God {psalm 62}

### "Gospel Glimpses"

Anthem:

SERMON

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

Prayer of Dedication

Affirming

\* HYMN 212 Morning has broken

\* Sharing the Peace

L; Peace that goes beyond understanding, peace of body, mind  
and soul.

**All. Peace that only Jesus Christ can give. Peace that heals  
and makes us whole**

L; Let us share that peace together

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: Sung response by all hymn 805 ‘**

**Your will be done on earth, O Lord.’**

**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 598 Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire**

\* **Sending out**

**L; Christ be our want, Christ be our way,  
All; Christ by our wherefore, Christ be our whole.  
L; Christ in all things, for all time,  
All; for all people, be with us.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen**

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