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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 20th April 2025**

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**Sunday 20th April 2025 – Easter**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion**

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion by extension**

**All Saints 9.30 a.m. no service**

**Collect for Easter Vigil**

**O God, who made this most holy night**

**to shine with the glory of the Lord’s resurrection:**

**stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption**

**given to us in baptism;**

**that, being renewed both in body and mind,**

**we may worship you in sincerity and truth;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, world without end. Amen**

**Collect for Easter Day**

**Almighty God, who, through your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life:**

**grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection,**

**may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;**

**through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, world without end. Amen**

**READINGS**

**Isaiah 65: 17-25**

**17** I am about to create new heavens  
    and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
    or come to mind.  
**18**But be glad and rejoice for ever  
    in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
    and its people as a delight.  
**19**I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
    and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
    or the cry of distress.  
**20**No more shall there be in it  
    an infant that lives but a few days,  
    or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
    and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
**21**They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
    they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
**22**They shall not build and another inhabit;  
    they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
    and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
**23**They shall not labour in vain,  
    or bear children for calamity;   
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
    and their descendants as well.  
**24**Before they call I will answer,  
    while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
**25**The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
    the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
    but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
    on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

**Acts 10: 34-43**

**34**Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **35**but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36**You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. **37**That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: **38**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39**We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; **40**but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, **41**not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42**He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. **43**All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**

**1**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
    his steadfast love endures for ever!

**2**Let Israel say,  
    ‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

**14**The Lord is my strength and my might;  
    he has become my salvation.

**15**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
**16**    the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
    the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’  
**17**I shall not die, but I shall live,  
    and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
**18**The Lord has punished me severely,  
    but he did not give me over to death.

**19**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
    that I may enter through them  
    and give thanks to the Lord.

**20**This is the gate of the Lord;  
    the righteous shall enter through it.

**21**I thank you that you have answered me  
    and have become my salvation.  
**22**The stone that the builders rejected  
    has become the chief cornerstone.  
**23**This is the Lord’s doing;  
    it is marvellous in our eyes.  
**24**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
    let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**1 Corinthians 15: 19-26**

**19**If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**20**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. **21**For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; **22**for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. **23**But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **24**Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. **25**For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26**The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Gospel: John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ 14When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ 16Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**or Luke 24: 1-12 (also for the Easter Vigil)**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. **2**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3**but when they went in, they did not find the body. **4**While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. **5**The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. **6**Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, **7**that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ **8**Then they remembered his words, **9**and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. **10**Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. **11**But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. **12**But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**Sunday 27th April 2025 – Easter 2**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. Matins**

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion**

**All Saints 9.30 a.m. no service**

**READINGS**

**Acts 5: 27-32**

**Psalm 150**

**Revelation 1: 4-8**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**