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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 11th May 2025**

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**Sunday 11th May 2025 – Easter 4**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. no service**

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

**St Andrew’s 6 p.m. Evensong**

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

**Collect for Easter 4**

**O God,**

**the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray,**

**that they may return to the path of righteousness:**

**give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians,**

**that they may cast out what is harmful,**

**and pursue all that gives life;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

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

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

**EVENSONG READINGS**

**PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 23-24**

**11**For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. **12**As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13**I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. **14**I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15**I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. **16**I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. **20**Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21**Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, **22**I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

**23**I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. **24**And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

**John 10: 1-18**

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2**The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3**The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4**When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5**They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ **6**Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

**7**So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8**All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. **9**I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. **10**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**11**‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12**The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. **13**The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. **14**I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **16**I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17**For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

**EASTER 4 READINGS**

**Acts 9: 36-43**

**36**Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37**At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38**Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, ‘Please come to us without delay.’ **39**So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40**Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, ‘Tabitha, get up.’ Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41**He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42**This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43**Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Psalm 23**

**Revelation 7: 9-37**

**9**After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. **10**They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

**11**And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, **12**singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

**13**Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ **14**I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**15**For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
    and worship him day and night within his temple,  
    and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
**16**They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
    the sun will not strike them,  
    nor any scorching heat;  
**17**for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
    and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

**Gospel: John 10: 22-30**

**22**At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23**and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24**So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ **25**Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; **26**but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. **27**My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29**What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. **30**The Father and I are one.’

**Sunday 18th May 2025 – Easter 5**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 6 p.m. Holy Communion by extension**

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

**EASTER 5 READINGS**

**Acts 11: 1-18**

**Psalm 148**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

**Gospel: John 13: 31-35**