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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 12th May 2024**

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**Sunday 12th May – Easter 7 Etape race**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a. m.** no service

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

**Collect for Easter 7**

**O God, the King of Glory; hear our prayer, that as we believe your Son, Jesus Christ, to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven; so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Readings**

**Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26**

**15**In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, **16**‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— **17**for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ **21**So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, **22**beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ **23**So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. **24**Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen **25**to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ **26**And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Psalm 1**

### The Two Ways

**1**Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
**2**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.  
**3**They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

**4**The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
**5**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
**6**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

**1 John 5: 9-13**

**9**If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. **10**Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. **11**And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12**Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### Epilogue

**13**I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**John 17: 6-19**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: **6**‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7**Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; **8**for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. **9**I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. **10**All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. **11**And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. **12**While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13**But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. **14**I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **15**I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. **16**They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **17**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18**As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19**And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.