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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 18th May 2025**

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**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**

**Collect for Easter 5**

**O God,**

**who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people:**

**give us grace to love the things you command,**

**and to desire the things you promise;**

**that, amid the uncertain changes of this world,**

**our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

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

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

**EASTER 5 READINGS**

**Acts 11: 1-18**

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. **2**So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, **3**saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ **4**Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5**‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. **6**As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7**I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” **8**But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” **9**But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” **10**This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11**At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12**The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. **13**He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; **14**he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” **15**And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. **16**And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” **17**If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ **18**When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

**Psalm 148**

**1**Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
    praise him in the heights!  
**2**Praise him, all his angels;  
    praise him, all his host!

**3**Praise him, sun and moon;  
    praise him, all you shining stars!  
**4**Praise him, you highest heavens,  
    and you waters above the heavens!

**5**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
    for he commanded and they were created.  
**6**He established them for ever and ever;  
    he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%20148&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-16378a)]

**7**Praise the Lord from the earth,  
    you sea monsters and all deeps,  
**8**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
    stormy wind fulfilling his command!

**9**Mountains and all hills,  
    fruit trees and all cedars!  
**10**Wild animals and all cattle,  
    creeping things and flying birds!

**11**Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
    princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**12**Young men and women alike,  
    old and young together!

**13**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
    for his name alone is exalted;  
    his glory is above earth and heaven.  
**14**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
    praise for all his faithful,  
    for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!

**Revelation 21:1-6**

I John saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2**And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,   
and God himself will be with them;   
**4**he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’

**5**And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ **6**Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

**31**During the supper when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32**If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33**Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” **34**I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

**Sunday 25th May 2025 – Easter 6**

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

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. no service**

**St Andrew’s 6 p.m. Holy Communion**

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

**EASTER 6 READINGS**

**Acts 16: 9-15**

**Psalm 67**

**Revelation 21:10, 22- 22: 5**

**Gospel: John 14: 23-29**