

**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 19th May 2024**

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**Sunday 19th May – Pentecost**

**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 Pentecost**

**O God, who on the day of Pentecost enlightened the hearts of your people by the fire of the Holy Spirit; give us wisdom and understanding, and lead us into all truth, that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Readings**

**Acts 2: 1-21**

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

**2**When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2**And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3**Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**5**Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6**And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7**Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8**And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9**Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ **12**All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ **13**But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

**14**But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15**Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. **16**No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**17**“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
    and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
    and your old men shall dream dreams.
**18**Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
    in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
        and they shall prophesy.
**19**And I will show portents in the heaven above
    and signs on the earth below,
        blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
**20**The sun shall be turned to darkness
    and the moon to blood,
        before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
**21**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

### The Valley of Dry Bones

**37**The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. **2**He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. **3**He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ **4**Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. **5**Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6**I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

**7**So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8**I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. **9**Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ **10**I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

**11**Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” **12**Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. **13**And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. **14**I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

**Psalm 104: 25-35, 37**

**25**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creation.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
    creeping things innumerable are there,
    living things both small and great.
**26**There go the ships,
    and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**27**These all look to you
    to give them their food in due season;
**28**when you give to them, they gather it up;
    when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
**29**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
    when you take away their breath, they die
    and return to their dust.
**30**When you send forth your spirit,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+104%3A+25-35%2C+37&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-15602a)] they are created;
    and you renew the face of the ground.

**31**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
    may the Lord rejoice in his works—
**32**who looks on the earth and it trembles,
    who touches the mountains and they smoke.
**33**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
    I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
**34**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
    for I rejoice in the Lord.
**35**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
    and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia!

**Romans 8: 22-27**

**22**We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; **23**and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **24**For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? **25**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**26**Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. **27**And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: **26**‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. **27**You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. **4**But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

### The Work of the Spirit

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5**But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” **6**But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. **7**Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8**And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: **9**about sin, because they do not believe in me; **10**about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; **11**about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

**12**‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13**When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14**He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15**All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.