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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 24th September 2023**

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**Sunday 24th September Trinity 16 / Pentecost 17 / Creation 4**

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

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

**St Andrew’s** 11.15 a.m. no service

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

**Zoom services**

**Sunday 24th September 6 p.m. Evening Prayer**

**Thursday 28th September 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**Collect for the Season of Creation**

**God Most High,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**you created humankind in your own image**

**and entrusted the whole world to human care:**

**give us grace to serve you faithfully,**

**that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for St.Adomnan**

**O God, who by the preaching of thy blessed servant St.Adamnan didst cause the light of thy gospel to shine in this our land: grant we beseech thee that, having his life and labours in remembrance, we may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Collect for Trinity 16 / Pentecost 17**

**O Lord, let your constant compassion cleanse and strengthen your Church; and since, without you, we cannot continue in safety, may we ever be governed by your grace; 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:** Jonah 3: 4-11

**PSALM** 145

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 20: 1-16

**Jonah 3:10 - 4:11**

**10**When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**4**But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2**He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. **3**And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ **4**And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ **5**Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. **6**The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7**But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8**When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’ **9**But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ **10**Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11**And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

**Psalm 145:1-18**

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| I WILL magnify thee, O ‘God, my’ King; \* and I will praise thy ‘Name for ‘ever and’ ever. 2 Every day will I give thanks’ unto’ thee; \* and praise thy ‘Name for ‘ever and’ ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy’ to be’ praised; \* there ‘is no’ end of his’ greatness. 4 One generation shall praise thy works’ unto an’other, \* and de’clare’ thy’ power. 5 As for me, I will be talking’ of thy’ worship, \* thy glory, thy’ praise, and ‘wondrous ‘works; 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy ‘marvellous’ acts; \* and I will ‘also’ tell of thy ‘greatness. 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness ‘shall be’ showed; \* and ‘men shall ‘sing of thy’ righteousness. 8 The LORD is’ gracious and’ merciful; \* long-suffering, ‘and of’ great’ goodness. 9 The LORD is loving ‘unto’ every man; \* and his mercy is’ over’ all his’ works. 10 All thy works praise’ thee, O’ LORD; \* and thy ‘saints give ‘thanks unto’ thee. 11 They show the glory ‘of thy’ kingdom, \* and’ talk of ‘thy’ power; 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness ‘of thy’ kingdom, \* might be ‘known’ unto’ men. 13 Thy kingdom is an ever’lasting ‘kingdom, \* and thy dominion en’dureth through’out all ‘ages. 14 The LORD upholdeth all’ such as’ fall, \* and lifteth up all ‘those’ that are' down. 15 The eyes of all wait upon ‘thee, O’ Lord; \* and thou givest them their ‘meat in’ due’ season. 16 Thou openest’ thine’ hand, \* and fillest ‘all things’ living with’ plenteousness. 17 The LORD is righteous in’ all his’ ways, \* and ‘holy in’ all his’ works. 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that ‘call up’on him; \* yea, all such as ‘call up’on him’ faithfully. |
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**Matthew 20: 1-16**

### The Labourers in the Vineyard

**20**‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. **2**After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. **3**When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; **4**and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. **5**When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. **6**And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” **7**They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” **8**When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” **9**When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. **10**Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. **11**And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, **12**saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” **13**But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? **14**Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. **15**Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” **16**So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’