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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

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

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**Sunday 25th May 2025 – Easter 6**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion**

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

**Collect for Easter 6**

**O God, from whom all good things arise:**

**grant such grace to those who call on you,**

**that, by your inspiration,**

**we may ponder those things that are right,**

**and, by your guidance, do them;**

**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 6 READINGS**

**Acts 16: 9-15**

**9**During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ **10**When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

**11**We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, **12**and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. **13**On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. **14**A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. **15**When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

**Psalm 67**

**1**May God be gracious to us and bless us  
    and make his face to shine upon us,*Selah*  
**2**that your way may be known upon earth,  
    your saving power among all nations.  
**3**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.

**4**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
    for you judge the peoples with equity  
    and guide the nations upon earth.*Selah*  
**5**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
    let all the peoples praise you.

**6**The earth has yielded its increase;  
    God, our God, has blessed us.  
**7**May God continue to bless us;  
    let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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

**10**And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

**22**I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. **23**And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. **24**The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. **25**Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. **26**People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. **27**But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2**through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **3**Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; **4**they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5**And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

**23**Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24**Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

**25**‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. **26**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. **27**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **28**You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29**And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**Thursday 29th May Ascension Day**

**Holy Trinity 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Collect for Ascension Day**

**Almighty God:**

**grant that we, who believe that your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

**ascended to the heavens,**

**may already dwell in spirit with him there;**

**for he lives and reigns with you,**

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

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

**READINGS**

**Acts 1: 1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning **2**until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3**After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4**While staying[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%201%3A%201-11&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26917a)] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; **5**for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%201%3A%201-11&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26918b)] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

**The Ascension of Jesus**

**6**So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ **7**He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ **9**When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10**While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. **11**They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

**Ephesians 1: 15-23**

**15**I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason **16**I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **17**I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, **18**so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, **19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. **20**God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21**far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. **22**And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, **23**which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Luke 24: 44-53**

**44**Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ **45**Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46**and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, **47**and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48**You are witnesses of these things. **49**And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

**The Ascension of Jesus**

**50**Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. **51**While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. **52**And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; **53**and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Sunday 1st June 2025 – Easter 7**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Matins**

**All Saints 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**EASTER 7 READINGS**

**Acts 16: 16-34**

**Psalm 97**

**Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**Gospel: John 17: 20-26**