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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 4th May 2025**

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**Sunday 4th May 2025 – Easter 3**

**Holy Trinity 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion**

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Matins**

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

**Collect for Easter 3**

**O God, who, in the death and resurrection of your Son,**

**have raised up this fallen world: may we and all your people, whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death, rejoice in your eternal presence; 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 9: 1-6 (7-20)**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2**and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3**Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4**He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ **5**He asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The reply came, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6**But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.’( **7**The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. **8**Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9**For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**10**Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, ‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ **11**The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, **12**and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ **13**But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; **14**and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ **15**But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; **16**I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ **17**So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ **18**And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, **19**and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, **20**and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’)

**Revelation 5: 11-14**

11Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!’

13Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might  
for ever and ever!’

14And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**Psalm 30**

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| I will magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up, \* and not made my foes to triumph over me.     **2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee; \* and thou hast healed me.** |  |
| 3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell: \* thou hast kept my life, from them that go down to the pit.     **4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; \* and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.**     5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; \* heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.     **6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: \* thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.**     7 Thou didst turn thy face from me, \* and I was troubled.     **8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD; \* and gat me to my LORD right humbly.**     9 What profit is there in my blood, \* when I go down into the pit?     **10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? \* or shall it declare thy truth?**     11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \* LORD, be thou my helper.     **12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; \* thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:**     13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. \* O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. |  |

**Gospel: John 21: 1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2**Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3**Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

**4**Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5**Jesus said to them, ‘Children, you have no fish, have you?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ **6**He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7**That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. **8**But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

**9**When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10**Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ **11**So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12**Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ because they knew it was the Lord. **13**Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14**This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**15**When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ **16**A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ **17**He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. **18**Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ **19**(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

**Sunday 11th May 2025 – Easter 4**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 6 p.m. Evensong**

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

**EVENSONG READINGS**

**PSALM 23**

**Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 23-24**

**John 10: 1-18**

**EASTER 4 READINGS**

**Acts 9: 36-43**

**Psalm 23**

**Revelation 7: 9-37**

**Gospel: John 10: 22-30**