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**Readings and Services Sunday 13th October 2024**

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

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

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

**All Saints 3 p.m.** noservice

**Collect for Trinity 20**

**O Lord, since without you we cannot please you: let the work of your mercy guide our hearts; 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 for Pentecost 21 / Trinity 20**

**Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15**

**6**Seek the Lord and live,  
    or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
    and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
**7**Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
    and bring righteousness to the ground!

**10**They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
    and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
**11**Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
    and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
    but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
    but you shall not drink their wine.  
**12**For I know how many are your transgressions,  
    and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
    and push aside the needy in the gate.  
**13**Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
    for it is an evil time.

**14**Seek good and not evil,  
    that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
    just as you have said.  
**15**Hate evil and love good,  
    and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
    will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Hebrews 4: 12-16**

**12**Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13**And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

**14**Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. **15**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. **16**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31**

**17**As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ **18**Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **19**You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ **20**He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ **21**Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ **22**When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

**23**Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ **24**And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25**It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ **26**They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ **27**Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

**28**Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ **29**Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, **30**who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. **31**But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

**For St.Andrew’s**

**Collect for Harvest**

**God, in whom all things are possible, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Harvest readings**

**Deuteronomy 8: 7-18**

**7**For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, **8**a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, **9**a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. **10**You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

**11**Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. **12**When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, **13**and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, **14**then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, **15**who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, **16**and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. **17**Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ **18**But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

**1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, **2**for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, **4**who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God;  
    there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
**6**    who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. **7**For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33**

**25**‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26**Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27**And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **28**And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29**yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31**Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” **32**For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33**But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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READINGS: Isaiah 53: 4-12, 10-15, Hebrews 5: 1-10

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 35-45