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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 15th September 2024**

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**Creation Season**

**Sunday 15th September 2024 – Pentecost 17 / Trinity 16**

**As long as Liz has recovered**

**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

PSALM 116: 1-8

READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4-9a, James 3: 1-12

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38

**Collect for Trinity 16**

**Guard your Church, O Lord, with your perpetual mercy: and since without your aid we lose our way, draw us always, by your help, away from harm, and steer us towards salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Collects for the Creation Season**

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**.

General:

Holy God,

Creator of the world and fount of all life,

you never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom:

remain with us always, we pray,

working for our good,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

God the Creator,

in Christ you call all people

to the fullness of glory

for which you created us in your image:

heal our hardened hearts,

renew our obedience to your will,

and conform our lives to your gracious design,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

O God,

in whose wisdom all things have been established in order:

enlighten the people you have saved,

that they may consider

the greater wonder of your new creation,

brought forth in the fullness of time,

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

God of our salvation,

be with us when we call upon you,

and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness:

restore in us the beauty of your creation

and keep intact the gifts you have restored,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

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

**Pentecost 17 / Trinity 16**

**PSALM 116: 1-8**

**1**I love the Lord, because he has heard  
    my voice and my supplications.  
**2**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
    therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
**3**The snares of death encompassed me;  
    the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
    I suffered distress and anguish.  
**4**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
    ‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’

**5**Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
    our God is merciful.  
**6**The Lord protects the simple;  
    when I was brought low, he saved me.  
**7**Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
    for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**8**For you have delivered my soul from death,  
    my eyes from tears,  
    my feet from stumbling.

**READINGS:**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

The servant of the Lord said:

**4**The Lord God has given me  
    the tongue of a teacher,   
that I may know how to sustain  
    the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
    wakens my ear  
    to listen as those who are taught.  
**5**The Lord God has opened my ear,  
    and I was not rebellious,  
    I did not turn backwards.  
**6**I gave my back to those who struck me,  
    and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
    from insult and spitting.

**7**The Lord God helps me;  
    therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
    and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
**8**    he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
    Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
    Let them confront me.  
**9**It is the Lord God who helps me;  
    who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
    the moth will eat them up.

**James 3: 1-12**

**3**Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2**For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. **3**If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. **4**Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. **5**So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! **6**And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7**For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, **8**but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9**With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. **10**From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. **11**Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? **12**Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38**

27Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ 28And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ 29He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ 30And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

**Sunday 22nd September 2024 – Pentecost 18 / Trinity 17**

**St.Adamnan**

**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

PSALM 84

READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37