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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 9th March 2025**

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**Sunday 16th March 2025 – Lent 2 or Transfiguration**

**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**

**Collect for Transfiguration Sunday**

**Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,**

**was wonderfully transfigured**

**before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,**

**and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:**

**give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross,**

**that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is;**

**through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent**

**O God, you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves:**

**protect us both inwardly and outwardly;**

**that our bodies may be guarded from adversity,**

**and our minds may be defended from such thoughts**

**as assault and harm the soul;**

**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 Lent 2**

**Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ **2**But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ **3**And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ **4**But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ **5**He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ **6**And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**7**Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ **8**But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ **9**He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ **10**He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. **11**And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

**12**As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

**17**When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. **18**On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

**Psalm 27**

**Triumphant Song of Confidence**

**Of David.**

**1**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
    whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
    of whom shall I be afraid?

**2**When evildoers assail me  
    to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
    they shall stumble and fall.

**3**Though an army encamp against me,  
    my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
    yet I will be confident.

**4**One thing I asked of the Lord,  
    that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
    all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
    and to inquire in his temple.

**5**For he will hide me in his shelter  
    in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
    he will set me high on a rock.

**6**Now my head is lifted up  
    above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
    sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**7**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
    be gracious to me and answer me!  
**8**‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek his face!’  
    Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
**9**    Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
    you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
    O God of my salvation!  
**10**If my father and mother forsake me,  
    the Lord will take me up.

**11**Teach me your way, O Lord,  
    and lead me on a level path  
    because of my enemies.  
**12**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
    for false witnesses have risen against me,  
    and they are breathing out violence.

**13**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
    in the land of the living.  
**14**Wait for the Lord;  
    be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
    wait for the Lord!

**Philippians 3: 17-4:1**

**17**Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18**For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19**Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20**But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21**He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

**1**Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13: 31-35**

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ 32He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

**or Luke 9: 28-36 (Transfiguration)**

**28**Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **29**And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **30**Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. **31**They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32**Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. **33**Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. **34**While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. **35**Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ **36**When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Sunday 23rd March 2025 – Lent 3**

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

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. Matins**

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

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

**READINGS**

**Isaiah 55: 1-9**

**Psalm 63: 1-8**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

**GOSPEL:** **Luke 13: 1-9**