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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 22nd September 2024**

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**Creation Season**

**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

**Collect for St.Adamnan**

**Almighty God, who through the preaching of your holy bishop, Adamnan, made the light of the gospel shine in our land: grant that we too, by that same gospel, made be filled with the light of your truth, and come to know the joys of the heavenly life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**St.Adamnan readings**

**Isaiah 61: 1-6**

**The Good News of Deliverance**

**61**The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
    because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
    to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
    and release to the prisoners;  
**2**to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour,  
    and the day of vengeance of our God;  
    to comfort all who mourn;  
**3**to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
    to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
    the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
    the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
**4**They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
    they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
    the devastations of many generations.

**5**Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
    foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
**6**but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
    you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
    and in their riches you shall glory.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 2-12**

 We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. **3**For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, **4**but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. **5**As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; **6**nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, **7**though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. **8**So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**9**You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. **10**You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. **11**As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, **12**urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

**GOSPEL:Matthew 28:16-20**

**The Commissioning of the Disciples**

**16**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17**When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. **18**And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

**Readings and collect for Pentecost 18 / Trinity 17**

PSALM 54

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

**Collect for Trinity 17**

**O Lord, let your constant compassion cleanse and strengthen your Church: and since, without you, we cannot continue in safety, may we ever be governed by your grace; 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**.

**PSALM 54**

**Prayer for Vindication**

**To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, ‘David is in hiding among us.’**

**1**Save me, O God, by your name,  
    and vindicate me by your might.  
**2**Hear my prayer, O God;  
    give ear to the words of my mouth.

**3**For the insolent have risen against me,  
    the ruthless seek my life;  
    they do not set God before them.*Selah*

**4**But surely, God is my helper;  
    the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
**5**He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
    In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

**6**With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;  
    I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
**7**For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
    and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

**Jeremiah’s Life Threatened**

**18**It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
    then you showed me their evil deeds.  
**19**But I was like a gentle lamb  
    led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
    that they devised schemes, saying,  
‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
    let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
    so that his name will no longer be remembered!’  
**20**But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
    who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
    for to you I have committed my cause.

**James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a**

**Two Kinds of Wisdom**

**13**Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. **14**But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. **15**Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. **16**For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. **17**But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. **18**And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James%203&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-30320f)] those who make peace.

**Friendship with the World**

**4**Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? **2**You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. **3**You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

**7**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8**Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37**

**Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

After leaving the mountain

**30**Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; **31**for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ **32**But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

**Who Is the Greatest?**

**33**Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ **34**But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. **35**He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ **36**Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, **37**‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**Creation Season**

**Sunday 29th September 2024 – Pentecost 19 / Trinity 18**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 10.30 a.m.** Joint with the Church of Scotland at Logierait

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

PSALM 19: 7-14

READINGS: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5: 13-20

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38-50