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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 2nd February 2025**

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**Sunday 2nd February 2025 – Candlemas**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Matins**

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

**Collect for the Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas**

**Almighty and Everlasting God: as your Only-begotten Son was presented and received in the temple, so may we welcome and proclaim him as the light of the nations**

**and the glory of your people; who lives and reigns with you,**

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

**READINGS**

**Psalm 84**

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, \* thou LORD of hosts!  
2 **My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; \* my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**  
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; \* even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
4 **Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; \* they will be alway praising thee.**  
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; \* in whose heart are thy ways.  
6 **Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; \* and the pools are filled with water.**  
7 They will go from strength to strength, \* and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.  
8 **O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.**9 Behold, O God our defender, \* and look upon the face of thine anointed.  
10 **For one day in thy courts \* is better than a thousand.**  
11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, \* than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.  
12 **For the LORD God is a light and defence; \* the LORD will give grace and worship; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.**  
13 O LORD God of hosts, \* blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

**Malachi 3: 1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. **2**But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; **3**he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. **4**Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Hebrews 2: 14-18**

**14**Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15**and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. **16**For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. **17**Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. **18**Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40**

**Jesus Is Presented in the Temple**

**22**When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23**(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), **24**and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

**25**Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. **26**It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. **27**Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, **28**Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

**29**‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
    according to your word;  
**30**for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
**31**    which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
**32**a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
    and for glory to your people Israel.’

**33**And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34**Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed **35**so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

**36**There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, **37**then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. **38**At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**39**When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40**The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Sunday 9th February 2025 – Epiphany 5**

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READINGS

Isaiah 6: 1-8(9-13)

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11