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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 30th March 2025**

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**Sunday 23rd March 2025 – Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. no service**

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

**St Andrew’s no service – 10.30 a.m. with Church of Scotland at Logierait**

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

**Collect for Mothering Sunday**

**God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and heal; through 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 this day and the week of 4 Lent**

**Almighty God, grant that we, who are weighed down by our sins,**

**may be relieved and encouraged 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**

**READINGS**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Exodus 2: 1-10**

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2**The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. **3**When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4**His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

**5**The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6**When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. **7**Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ **8**Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. **9**Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. **10**When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

**or 1 Samuel 1: 20-28**

**20** Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

**21**The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. **22**But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ **23**Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. **24**When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. **25**Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. **26**And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. **27**For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. **28**Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’

She left him there for the Lord.

**Psalm 34:11-20 or Psalm 127: 1-4**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

**or Colossians 3: 12-17**

12As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Luke 2: 33-35**

**33**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.’

**or John 19: 25b-27**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26**When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ **27**Then he said to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Lent 4**

**Joshua 5:9-12**

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, **9**The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.’ And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

**10**While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. **11**On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. **12**The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

**Psalm 32**

**2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**GOSPEL:** **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2**And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

**3**So he told them this parable: **11** ‘There was a man who had two sons. **12**The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. **13**A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. **14**When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. **15**So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. **16**He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. **17**But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! **18**I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; **19**I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” **20**So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. **21**Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” **22**But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23**And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; **24**for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

**25**‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. **26**He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. **27**He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” **28**Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. **29**But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. **30**But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” **31**Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32**But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”’

**Sunday 6th April 2025 – Lent 5 – Passion Sunday**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Matins**

**All Saints 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**READINGS**

**Isaiah 43: 16-21**

**Psalm 126**

**Philippians 3: 4b-14**

**Gospel: John 12: 1-8**