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**Readings and Services Sunday 6th October 2024**

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**Sunday 6th October 2024 – Pentecost 20 / Trinity 19**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 10.30 a.m.** Matins

**All Saints 3 p.m.** Harvestservice

**Collect for Harvest**

**God, in whom all things are possible, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen**

**Harvest readings**

**Deuteronomy 8: 7-18**

**7**For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, **8**a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, **9**a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. **10**You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

**11**Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. **12**When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, **13**and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, **14**then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, **15**who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, **16**and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. **17**Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ **18**But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

**1 Timothy 2: 1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, **2**for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, **4**who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God;  
    there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
**6**    who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. **7**For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33**

**25**‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26**Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27**And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **28**And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29**yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31**Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” **32**For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33**But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Collect for Trinity 19**

**O Lord, we beseech you: give your people grace to turn away from evil; and to follow you, the only God, in pureness of heart and mind; 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 for Pentecost 20 / Trinity 19**

**PSALM 8**

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| 1  O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world \*  thou that has set thy glory above the heavens! 2  Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies \* that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger. 3  For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers \* the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. 4  What is man, that thou art mindful of him \* and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5  Thou madest him lower than the angels \* to crown him with glory and worship. 6  Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands \* and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; 7  All sheep and oxen \*yea, and the beasts of the field; 8  The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea \*  and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. 9  O Lord our Governor \*  how excellent is thy Name in all the world! |

**READINGS: Genesis 2: 18-24**

**18**Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ **19**So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. **20**The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. **21**So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22**And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23**Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones  
    and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,   
    for out of Man this one was taken.’

**24**Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, **2**but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. **3**He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **4**having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**5**Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. **6**But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,   
    or mortals, that you care for them?   
**7**You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
    you have crowned them with glory and honour,   
**8**    subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, **9**but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

**10**It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **11**For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesu is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, **12**saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,   
    in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

**2**Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ **3**He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ **4**They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ **5**But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. **6**But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” **7**“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, **8**and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **9**Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

**10**Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11**He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; **12**and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

**Jesus Blesses Little Children**

**13**People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. **14**But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. **15**Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ **16**And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Sunday 13th October 2024 – Pentecost 21 / Trinity 20**

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

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

**St Andrew’s 10.30 a.m.** Harvest Holy Communion

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

PSALM 90: 12-17

READINGS: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 4: 12-16

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31