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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 8th September 2024**

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**Creation Season**

**Sunday 8th September 2024 – Pentecost 16 / Trinity 15**

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

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**Collect for Trinity 15**

**Almighty and eternal God, make us grow in faith, hope and charity: and that we may be worthy of your promises, cause us to love what you command; 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**.

General:

Holy God,

Creator of the world and fount of all life,

you never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom:

remain with us always, we pray,

working for our good,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

God the Creator,

in Christ you call all people

to the fullness of glory

for which you created us in your image:

heal our hardened hearts,

renew our obedience to your will,

and conform our lives to your gracious design,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

O God,

in whose wisdom all things have been established in order:

enlighten the people you have saved,

that they may consider

the greater wonder of your new creation,

brought forth in the fullness of time,

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

God of our salvation,

be with us when we call upon you,

and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness:

restore in us the beauty of your creation

and keep intact the gifts you have restored,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

**Pentecost 16 / Trinity 15**

**PSALM 146**

**1**Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**2**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
    I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**3**Do not put your trust in princes,  
    in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
**4**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
    on that very day their plans perish.

**5**Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
**6**who made heaven and earth,  
    the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;  
**7**    who executes justice for the oppressed;  
    who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**8**    the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
    the Lord loves the righteous.  
**9**The Lord watches over the strangers;  
    he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
    but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**10**The Lord will reign for ever,  
    your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

**Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

**4**Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
    ‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
    He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
    He will come and save you.’

**5**Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
    and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
**6**then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
    and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
    and streams in the desert;  
**7**the burning sand shall become a pool,  
    and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? **2**For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, **3**and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, **4**have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5**Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? **6**But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? **7**Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

**8**You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ **9**But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10**For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ( **11**For the one who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. **12**So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.) **13**For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

**14**What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? **15**If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, **16**and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17**So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Mark 7: 24-37**

**24**Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, **25**but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. **26**Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. **27**He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ **28**But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ **29**Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ **30**So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

**31**Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32**They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33**He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. **34**Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ **35**And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36**Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37**They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

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PSALM 116: 1-8

READINGS: Isaiah 50: 4-9a, James 3: 1-12

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38