

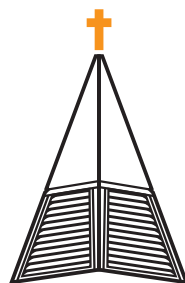


Welcome to our service of

Sung Holy Communion

TRINITY SUNDAY

10AM ON SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH

Parents please note: *There are some toys and books set out in the worship area for children and toddlers. Please make yourself at home, we appreciate children can be noisy and there is no need to apologise for that, or to feel awkward, at any time. Please know, God delights in children and there is no need or requirement for them, or for you, to sit still in our time together.*

THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our
song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!
all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and
evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy,
there is none beside thee
Perfect in power,
in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Bishop R. Heber (1783 - 1826)

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you

All: **and also with you.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you and I, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest, Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest, Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest, For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40.12-17, 27-END

WHO HAS MEASURED the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.

W. Chalmers Smith (1824 - 1908)

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 28.16-END

**Alleluia (x5) Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the |
Holy Spirit, one God, who was,
and is, and who is to come | the
Almighty. Alleluia (x5)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

NOW THE ELEVEN disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All: **hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PEACE

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We do not pass a collection plate during the service, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in
the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father,
and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance
now and always;
Be thou and thou only
the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All: **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and
praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our
light and our salvation; to you be
glory and praise for ever. From the
beginning you have created all
things and all your works echo the
silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made
us in your image, the crown of
all creation. You give us breath
and speech, that with angels and
archangels and all the powers of
heaven we may find a voice to sing
your praise:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed
is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

How wonderful the work of
your hands, O Lord. As a mother
tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your
own. When they turned away
and rebelled your love remained
steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus
our Saviour, born of Mary, to be
the living bread, in whom all our
hungers are satisfied. He offered
his life for sinners, and with a love
stronger than death he opened
wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with Leonard and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

All: **Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you, but only say the word, and
I shall be healed.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The president and people receive communion. Our
communion table is open to everyone aged over
7 years — but if you or your child would prefer a
blessing, please do come to the rail and simply
cross your arms over your chest.*

During Communion, we sing.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.

Words: David Evans

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God, you
have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, and live
and reign in the perfect unity of
love: hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your
ways and evermore rejoice in
your eternal glory, who are three
Persons yet one God, now and for
ever.

All: Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and
blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits to keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and
sea.

W. Whiting (1825 - 78)

THE DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord;

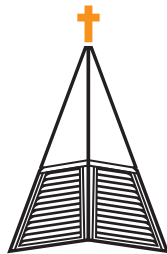
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Thank you for coming to our service this
morning. Please take your order of service
home with you.*



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Thank you for coming to our service this morning,
we look forward to welcoming you again for our services next week.
Please do join us for refreshments in the main hall after the service.

NEXT WEEKS' SERVICES

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Sung Holy Communion