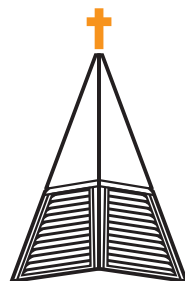


Welcome to our service of

Sung Holy Communion

PENTECOST

10AM ON SUNDAY 24 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

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou has been
Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness,

Pardon for sin,
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness,

William Williams (1717-91)

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: and also with you. Alleluia.

Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE INTRODUCTION

Jesus Christ, whom we worship,
is our crucified, risen and
ascended Lord and we have
walked with him through his
journey of love. We have faced
the agony of his suffering and
death on a cross. We have
rejoiced at his bursting free from
the bonds of death. We have
enjoyed his risen presence with
us and his revelation of himself
through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the
throne before which every knee
shall bow and every tongue
confess that this Jesus is Lord.
And now, with the followers
of his own time, we await the
coming of the promised Holy
Spirit, his gift to his people,
through whom we make Christ
known to the world.

THE RESPONSORY

As we wait in silence,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

All: fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept

THE PENTECOST READING

ACTS 2.1-21 (NIV Translation)

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

This Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

PRAYER FOR PERSONAL RENEWAL

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All: **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All: **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All: **bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Let us praise and bless God for ever.**

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 Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love, and renew
the face of the earth, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear,
Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and
mercy shall daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

J Neander (1650 - 80) Tr Catherine Winkworth (1829 - 78)

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20.19-23

Alleluia (x5) Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia (x5)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

WHEN IT WAS EVENING on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.**

We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

THE PRAYERS

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit. Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us

All: **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us

All: **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Lord, come to bless us

All: **and fill us with your Spirit**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life. Lord, come to bless us

All: and fill us with your Spirit

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

All: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. 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

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth
you now bring us -
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with
grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By your blood I may
enter your brightness:
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness -
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory:
Mirrored here,
may our lives tell your story -
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

O Spirit of the living God,
thou Light and Fire Divine
Descend upon Thy Church
once more and make it truly Thine
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom
blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to Thee
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal
To preach to all Thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ,
who came this world to save
So shall we rise with Him to life
which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness
which makes Thy children whole
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the
promises of Easter by sending us
your Holy Spirit and opening to
every race and nation the way of
life eternal: open our lips by your
Spirit, that every tongue may tell
of your glory; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE COMMISSION

For fifty days we have celebrated
the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ
over the powers of sin and death.
We have proclaimed God's mighty
acts and we have prayed that the
power that was at work when God
raised Jesus from the dead might
be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in
Penwortham, I call upon you to
live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will
you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?

All: **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each
other and grow together in love?

All: **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches
in common and minister to each
other in need?

All: **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each
other until your hearts beat with
the longings of God?

All: **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light
of Christ into the world's dark
places?

All: **We will.**

THE CONCLUSION

The Lord is here.

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

Today we have remembered the
coming of God's power on the
disciples and we invite that same
Spirit to drive us out into the wild
places of the world.

FINAL HYMN:

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

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

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

The president blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit, who hovered over
the waters when the world was
created, breathe into you the life
he gives.

All: Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed
the Virgin when the eternal Son
came among us, make you joyful
in the service of the Lord.

All: Amen.

May the Spirit, who set the Church
on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love
of the risen Christ.

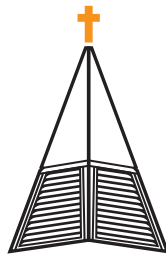
All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power, go
in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia,
alleluia.*



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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 31 MAY 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30am Holy Communion — 10:00am Sung Holy Communion
11:30 The Baptism of James Dylan Bowman