

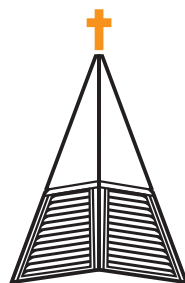
Welcome to our service of

Sung Holy Communion

STEWARDSHIP 1 - GENEROUS LOVING

10AM ON SUNDAY 5 JULY 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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee, without
ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

C. Wesley (1707 - 88)

THE GREETING

O send out your light and your
truth; let them lead me; let them
bring me to your holy hill and to
your dwelling.

As we gather in the light and
truth of God:

All: **May our worship be filled with
love and joy.**

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

We reflect upon those times when
we have not walked in the light
and truth of God.

When we have walked our
own path and forget to be a
companion, in faith, to others:

All: **God have mercy upon us.**

When we have ignored the needs
of the world and forget your call
to care for creation:

All: **God have mercy upon us.**

When we have sought the
comfortable and familiar and
forget to place our trust in you:

All: **God have mercy upon us.**

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

God of Love, who called Ruth away from her homeland, into a deeper relationship with Naomi, to seek the path through grief to the dawn of a new beginning; guide us to trust more deeply in you, to hear your Spirit call out to us, and to follow with faith for the journey ahead; through Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

RUTH 1.1-22 (NIRV)

THERE WAS A TIME when Israel didn't have kings to rule over them. But they had leaders to help them. This is a story about some things that happened during that time. There wasn't enough food in the land of Judah. So a man went to live for a while in the country of Moab. He was from Bethlehem in Judah. His wife and two sons went with him. The man's name was Elimelek. His wife's name was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites whose home had been in Bethlehem in Judah. They went to Moab and lived there.

Naomi's husband Elimelek died. So she was left with her two sons. They married women from Moab. One was named Orpah. The other was named Ruth. Naomi's family lived in Moab for about ten years. Then Mahlon and Kilion also died. So Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

While Naomi was in Moab, she heard that the Lord had helped his people. He had begun to provide food for them again. So Naomi and her two daughters-in-law prepared to go from

Moab back to her home. She left the place where she had been living. Her daughters-in-law went with her. They started out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Both of you go back. Each of you go to your own mother's home. You were kind to your husbands, who have died. You have also been kind to me. So may the Lord be just as kind to you. May the Lord help each of you find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye. They broke down and wept loudly. They said to her, "We'll go back to your people with you."

But Naomi said, "Go home, my daughters. Why would you want to come with me? Am I going to have any more sons who could become your husbands? Go home, my daughters. I'm too old to have another husband. Suppose I thought there was still some hope for me. Suppose I married a man tonight. And later I had sons by him. Would you wait until they grew up? Would you stay single until you could marry them? No, my daughters. My life is more bitter than yours. The Lord's power has turned against me!"

When they heard that, they broke down and wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye. But Ruth held on to her.

"Look," said Naomi. "Your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

But Ruth replied, "Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. Where you die I'll die. And there my body will be buried. I won't let even death separate you from me. If I

do, may the Lord punish me greatly." 18 Naomi realized that Ruth had made up her mind to go with her. So she stopped trying to make her go back.

The two women continued on their way. At last they arrived in Bethlehem. The whole town was stirred up because of them. The women in the town asked, "Can this possibly be Naomi?"

"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara. The Mighty One has made my life very bitter. I was full when I went away. But the Lord has brought me back empty. So why are you calling me Naomi? The Lord has made me suffer. The Mighty One has brought trouble on me."

So Naomi returned from Moab. Ruth, her daughter-in-law from Moab, came with her. They arrived in Bethlehem just when people were beginning to harvest the barley.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The King of Love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Sir H.W. Baker

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13.44-46

Alleluia (x5). I am the way, the truth and the life | says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia (x5)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS SAID: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure that was hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again. He was very happy. So he went and sold everything he had. And he bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who was looking for fine pearls. He found one that was very valuable. So he went away and sold everything he had. And he bought that pearl.

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

As Ruth declared ‘where you go, I will go’. So we too, by Jesus, are called to do likewise and in faith share our love and faith in the world.

The peace of the Holy Trinity be with you always.

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

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred
let me bring your love;
Where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord;
And where there’s doubt,
true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life
let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there’s sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that..

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we’re
born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-)

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

O God, have called us together through faith. We bring these our gifts to you: the offerings which come from our own lives; the offering of bread and wine, products of the earth and crafted by human hands. Accept all of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

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

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man no more.

One bread, one body...

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body...

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body...

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of light and life, through this sacrament of bread and wine, you have renewed us in our companionship with you, fed and sustained, send us out with faith and generosity, to be a witness to you day by day.

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.

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.

FINAL HYMN:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

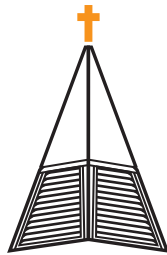
He said: 'Freely, freely you have...

THE DISMISSAL

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feet, a light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

May you be sent out from this holy place with the grace, light and truth of the Gospel in your hearts; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity be with you now and for ever.

All: Amen.



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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 12 JULY 2026 - TRINITY 6

Stewardship 2 | Generous Provision

Ruth 2.1-20 — Luke 12.13 — 21

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am All Age Service and Baptism Welcome