

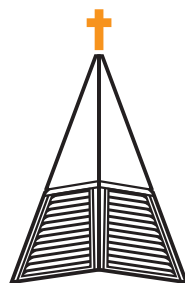


Welcome to our service of

Sung Holy Communion

TRINITY 9

10AM ON SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILYCHURCH

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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and
stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our
desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you

All: **and also with you.**

Loving God, we have come to
worship you. Help us to pray to
you in faith, to sing your praise
with gratitude, and to listen
to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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

**Brothers and sisters, as we
prepare to celebrate, let us call
to mind our sins.**

**Father eternal, giver of light
and grace, we have sinned
against you and against our
neighbour, in what we have
thought, in what we have said
and done, through ignorance,
through weakness, through
our own deliberate fault. We
have wounded your love, and
marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us
out from darkness to walk as
children of light. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies
cleans us from our sins, and
restore us in his image to the
praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Please stand as we sing the

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

Gracious Father, revive your
Church in our day, and make her
holy, strong and faithful, for your
glory's sake in Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 32.22-31

THE SAME NIGHT HE got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'

So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.'

Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed,
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

Pining souls! come nearer Jesus,
And oh, come not doubting thus,
But with faith that trusts more bravely
His huge tenderness for us.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 14.13-21

**Alleluia (x5). The word of the
Lord en- | dures for ever. The
word of the Lord is the good
news an- | nounced to you
Alleluia (x5)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

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

NOW WHEN JESUS HEARD this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children..

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 will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts. 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

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness
we have this bread to set before
you, which earth has given and
human hands have made. It will
become for us the bread of life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all
creation: through your goodness
we have this wine to set before
you, fruit of the vine and work of
human hands. It will become for
us the cup of salvation.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are ...

You're my Friend and
You're my Brother,
Even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

You alone are ...

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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, unceasing,
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)

DIOCESAN MISSION PRAYER

**All: God of Mission: Who alone
brings growth to your church,
Send your Holy Spirit to
give Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, Joy to
our worship And power to our
witness.**

**Help our church to grow
in numbers, in spiritual
commitment to you, And in
service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Eternal God, our beginning and
our end, accompany us in this
day's journey. Dawn on our
darkness, open our eyes to praise
you for your creation and to see
the work you set before us today.
Take us and use us to bring to
others the new life you give in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with
you now and forever.

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.*

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

1 Corinthians 3.6

JUST TAKE 5

Five people

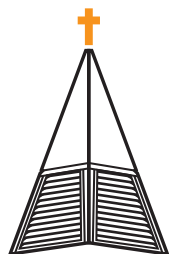
I am regularly praying that the following people will come to know the amazing, transforming love of Jesus:

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Five prayers

If you have a spare five minutes this week, please can you pray for the following:

- 1 For our church, that we would continue to be a church that welcomes those who have struggled to find welcome elsewhere.
- 2 For those who are recovering from surgery and for those who care for them, love them and worry about them.
- 3 For the countries coping with the aftermath of natural and human made disaster. For the rescue teams and those awaiting news.
- 4 That the missiles and drones are finally spent in the Gulf and peace can be rebuilt around a table.
- 5 Keep praying for the Diocesan Mission Weekend that through it's activities we are a blessing to our neighbours and to each other.



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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 | SUN 9 AUGUST 26 - TRINITY 10
Genesis 32.22 - 31 — Matthew 14.13 - 21

8:30am Holy Communion

10:00am All Age Family Service and Baptism Welcome.

11:30am Holy Baptism for Tilly Jean Braithwaite