

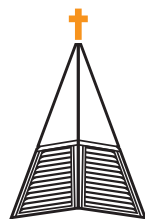


Welcome to our service of

Holy Communion

TRINITY 10

8:30AM ON SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILY CHURCH

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 cleanse 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 for the

THE GLORIA

All: **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.

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.

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.

THE COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 37.1-4,12-28

JACOB SETTLED IN THE LAND where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'

So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the

fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?'

'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.

They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'

But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'-that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.

When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 14.22-33

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

IMMEDIATELY HE MADE the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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 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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through 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.

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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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

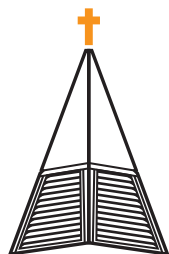
I am regularly praying that the following people will come to know the amazing, transforming love of Jesus:

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Five prayers

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

- 1 For our church, that Jesus will inspire us to reach out and better serve our community.
- 2 For those known to us in our church family who are currently coming to terms with a diagnosis or recovering from medical procedures.
- 3 For integrity and honesty for those who influence or position makes them mentors or role models to others.
- 4 For those who are grieving the recent loss of a loved one or who continue to feel the pain of separation, despite the passing of time.
- 5 For the Diocesan Mission Weekend for its planning and delivery — 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 service next week.

THIS SUNDAYS SERVICES

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026 - TRINITY 11

Genesis 45.1-15 — Matthew 15.10-20

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| 8:30am | Holy Communion |
| 10:00am | Sung Holy Communion. |
| 11:30am | Baptism of Oscar Cox |