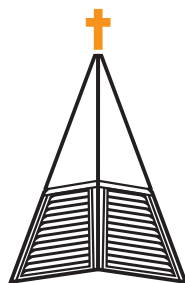


Welcome to our service of

SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

TRINITY 16 | CREATION IN CHRIST SEASON

10AM ON SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 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

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change
and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges Music: Herbert Howells

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.**

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach
us to pray. Lift up our hearts to
worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus 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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is close at hand.' So let
us turn away from sin and turn to
the Lord, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

**MOST MERCIFUL GOD, Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess
that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed. We have not loved
you with our whole heart. We
have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Please stand for

THE GLORIA

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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 16.2-15

THE WHOLE CONGREGATION of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.'

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought

you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD , because he has heard your complaining against the Lord . For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him-what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord .’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD , for he has heard your complaining.” ’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.” ’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the word of the LORD .

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert (1593 - 1632)

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 20.1-16

**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.**

JESUS SAID: ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he

went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. 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

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up
it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
when the evening comes
Bless the Lord O my soul...

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find
Bless the Lord O my soul...

And on that day when
my strength is failing
The end draws near and
my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forever more
Bless the Lord O my soul...

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze,
When I walk or lie down
you are before me:
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising,
You discern my purpose from afar,
And with love everlasting
you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life or death you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning
through and through,
You are with me beyond my
understanding:
God of my present,
my past and future too.

Although your spirit is upon me,
Still I search for shelter from your light,
There is nowhere on earth
I can escape you:
Even the darkness is radiant
in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,
Gave me life within my mother's womb,
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:
Safe in your hands,
all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us
through your Son that love is the
fulfilling of the law: grant that we
may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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.**

FINAL HYMN

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received
him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of Lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)

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

Heavenly Father, we share together the blessing of your presence. Give us in this life knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Five prayers

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

- 1 Give thanks for our Diocesan Mission Weekend and for those who came. For seeds planted and God's growth.
- 2 For the refugees who continue to flee from crisis throughout the world, over half of them are children and for all those who have willingly invested their time and energy in serving the most vulnerable.
- 3 In this season of creation, remember those who work on the land and for the world's supermarket chains; asking that they put the welfare of the farming community before massive profit achieved through exploitation.
- 4 For our Bishop's Philip, Jill and Joe and those who work for the Diocese.
- 5. For growth in our children's and young people's ministry.



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 27 SEPTEMBER 26

TRINITY 17

8:30am Holy Communion
10:00am Sung Holy Communion.