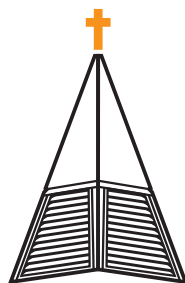


Welcome to our service of

SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

TRINITY 18 | CREATION IN CHRIST SEASON

10AM ON SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026
at St. Leonard's Church, Penwortham



PENWORTHAM
ST. LEONARD'S
FAMILYCHURCH

THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

To God be the glory!
great things he hath done;
So loved he the world that
he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate
that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice:

O come to the Father,

through Jesus the Son

And give him the glory;

great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord ...

Great things He hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord ...

THE GREETING

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

*All: **and also with you.***

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our
praise, inspire our prayer and shape
our lives for the kingdom of your
Son, 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.***

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess 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

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in 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

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

EXODUS 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

THEN GOD SPOKE all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

This is the word of the LORD .

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee!

E'en though it be a cross
that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to Thee.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!*

Though like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
my rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer,
my God to Thee.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!*

There let the way appear,
steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me,
in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to
Thee.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!*

Then, with my waking thoughts
bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer,
my God, to Thee.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!*

Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
upward I'll fly,
Still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to Thee.

*Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!*

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21.33-END

Alleluia (x5). I am the light of the world, | says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the | light of life. Alleluia (x5)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS SAID: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the

owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
*Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord Lord of all.*

When He shall come
with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

*Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord Lord of all*

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

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing.
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

S. Crossman (1624 - 83)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast: for here we
receive you, here the memory of
your passion is renewed, here our
minds are filled with grace, and
here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints
for ever.

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

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride;
With his own Blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

S. J. Stone (1839 - 1900)

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

Draw your Church together, O
God, into one great company of
disciples, together following our
Lord Jesus Christ into every walk
of life, together serving him in his

mission to the world, and together
witnessing to his love on every
continent and island.

All: **Amen.**

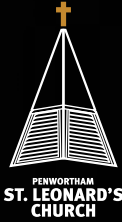
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with
you now and forever.

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.*

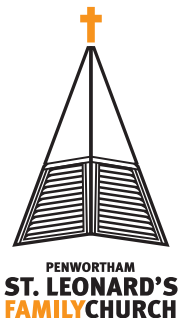


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MONTHLY SERVICE OF

CHORAL EVENSONG

RETURNS ON
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 6PM

THEREAFTER ON
THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH



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 11 OCTOBER 2026
HARVEST ALL AGE SERVICE

8:30am Holy Communion
10:00am All Age Service
6.00pm Choral Evensong (see above).