

**The Parish Churches of
St Peter's Henfield with
St Giles' Shermanbury
and St Peter's Woodmancote.**



**Welcome to Morning Prayer
on Sunday.**

*A simple Sunday Morning Service
from Common Worship for use at home.*

Gathering to Worship God.

We begin our worship by greeting each other in the Lord's name.

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

All: And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Introduction

These or other seasonal words of introduction to worship are said.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of penitence

We are invited to call to mind our sins with the following words or a seasonal introduction:

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(We keep a short period of silence)

All: 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.

We are assured of God's love and forgiveness in the prayer of absolution.

May the God of love and power + forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

The Word of God

We listen to our readings.

The First Reading

at the end of the reading: This is the word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *is read*

The Second Reading

at the end of the reading: This is the word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

We hear a short sermon or reflection.

The Creed

We respond by affirming our faith in the historic words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers of intercession are offered for others in our community who are feeling anxious, lonely or afraid. We pray for ourselves, for our country and the world.

*The prayers end with the **Collect** for the day and the **Lord's Prayer***

Gathering our prayers into one, 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

We sing a **Hymn**.

Concluding Prayer

We say the following prayer together.

All: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

The service ends with the following or a seasonal blessing.

The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*, the Lord make his face shine upon *you* and be gracious to *you*, the Lord look kindly on *you* and give *you* peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **All: Amen.**

We hope you have enjoyed worshipping with us this morning.