

This year Christian Aid celebrates its 75th anniversary. St Mary's Hambleton would usually share a coffee morning with our Methodist friends and in Haddlesey we would have an envelope collection. We can't do either this year, so we'll have a virtual coffee morning instead and pray for the work of Christian Aid and ourselves.

Opening prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us

Sisters and brothers, rejoice.
We are sustained and nourished by God's presence and love.
All Thanks be to God.

As we mourn the distress and wounds of God's creation,
God weeps with us.

As we face rising waters, hunger and displacement.
God suffers with us.

As we struggle for justice,
God struggles with us.

As we expose and challenge climate justice
God empowers us.

As we strive to build alternative communities,
God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,
God blesses us.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice,
Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us
We are the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
**As it was in the beginning
is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Our Bible Reading is

Revelation 22:1-5 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Time for reflection

Time for prayer

Spirit of God
who hovered over the waters, harness
your power in us
to live faithfully and in harmony with the
rhythms of righteousness, for the
restoration of creation
and the glory of your name.
Amen.

Our God,
as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of
Christian Aid, we pray for transformation
of hearts and minds around the world,
for the stones of indifference
to become hearts of compassion, for the
stones of anxiety
to become hearts of hope.
In your name we pray,
Amen.

Creator God,
from the tree of the garden of Eden,
to the tree in the city in Revelation,
we thank you for your vision
of creation healed.
Help us to be your agents of restoration,
tending to the beauty of the Earth,
and enabling your healing of the nations.
Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in
isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the
cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours,
Now and forever. Amen**

Final blessing

Let justice roll down like a river,
may righteousness flow like a never-
ending stream and may the joy of creation
fill you anew
as you pray, act and give for
the restoration of creation
and the flourishing of all people.
In the name of the Creator, Son and Spirit,
Amen.