

Kamloops United Church
Sunday February 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

God Calls

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN *Come Touch Our Hearts* MV12

COMMUNITY NEWS AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WE BLESS ONE ANOTHER

Please share the peace of Christ

ENTERING SACRED SPACE *Come and Fill Our Hearts* MV16

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning, sing praise to God the Creator
Who offers us life and sustains us.

**We open our hearts to the love that has borne us through life
And to the bounty of the divine which is without end.**

This morning, sing praise to God the Creator
Who opens our minds to new vistas and calls us to seek new truths.

**We open our minds to visions and words
And to new gifts that would mold us to walk a path in life
That honours the Creator's ways.
Let us come in worship!**

God Cleanses

COME BEFORE GOD

PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE

May these quiet moments open my soul. Blessed with another week of life, I give thanks to God who creates and sustains me and those I love. I give thanks to the living Christ as the very expression of God on earth, and whom I see in others as I live through each day.

For all the good I have known during the days that have passed, I am grateful. I know that I have not always responded with my best effort, but often I did earnestly try. I have tried to give my family and friends love and devotion, and I pray that I may grow more loving as the years pass.

Even as I regret my weaknesses, I rejoice in my accomplishments. Let these achievements, O God, lead to many others. May I be blessed each time I worship with the sense of having grown in goodness and

compassion. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

From "Progressive Christian Liturgy" J. Keener-Quiat

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

RESPONSE

Come and Fill Our Hearts

MV16

God Communes

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 5:1-12

HYMN

Blessed are They

VU896

CONTEMPORARY INTERPRETATION

What is Reality?

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT ENTRANCE

I Come with Joy

VU477, v. 1-3

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

El-Shaddai to be sung by the choir. The Hebrew words in this prayer are expressing the singer's great love for a God who is Creator. They are found in Psalm 18 expressing not love and gratitude for a Creator who is Almighty as elsewhere in the Old Testament, but for a Creator who is compassionate and caring.

[Chorus:]

El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai [*"God Almighty, God Almighty"*]

El-Elyon na Adonai [*"God in the highest, Oh, Lord"*]

Age to age, You're still the same

By the power of the name

El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai

Erkamka na Adonai [*"We will love You, Oh, Lord"*]

We will praise and lift You high

El-Shaddai

Through Your love

And through the ram
You saved the son
Of Abraham
Through the power
Of Your hand
Turned the sea
Into dry land
To the outcast
On her knees
You were the God
Who really sees
And by Your might
You set Your children free

[Chorus]

Through the years
You made it clear
That the time of Christ
Was near
Though the people
Couldn't see
What Messiah ought to be
Though Your Word
Contained the plan
They just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done
Through the frailty of Your son

[Chorus]

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and

striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died,
he took a loaf of bread,
gave thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying,
“This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember.
We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his
rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ will arise
Christ will come to us again

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit,
we call on you to transform these familiar things,
as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.

So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community,
we may taste and see your goodness,
so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with you
and with one another.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

FRACTION

