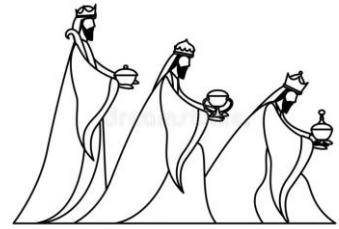


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1 January 2023
First Sunday after Christmas
Communion Sunday
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "We Have Come Into His House" – Composer: B Ballinger

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "The First Nowell"

– Anon

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad. Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

KUC SINGERS "It was on a Starry Night"

– Composer: J Webb

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE READING

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Isaiah 60: 1 – 9 (O.T.)

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 (N.T.)

Matthew 2: 1 – 12 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON "And Now for the Rest of Us"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “ Eat This Bread ”

– Music: Taize Community

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “ We Three Kings”

Composer: J H Hopkins Jnr

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

Please remember as you pray. . .

- In his Christmas Day message from the Vatican, Pope Francis said the world is suffering from a "famine of peace". He called for an end to wars and condemning what he said was the use of "food as a weapon" of war. These words and his prayer should be on all our lips and hearts as we head into the New Year. So we pray, Lord, may it be so.
- Areas of the United States of America have been blasted with Arctic Storms, bringing destruction, transportation chaos and claiming over 60 lives so far. We pray that those involved in the rescue and recovery process will be strengthened and sustained in the freezing conditions.
- A wave of Russian missile strikes has targeted cities across Ukraine in one of the most extensive bombardments since the war began in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, Lviv and Zhytomyr. The cities' infrastructure is slowly destroyed as temperatures plummet deeper into the minuses. We remember those left behind in the crossfire with no choice where to go.
- The number of people sentenced to death or charged with capital offences in connection with the ongoing protests in Iran is growing daily. May God have mercy on those making these decisions so they may see how wrong this is.

- After being kept apart for more than 18 months due to war, families in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region are reunited with family members following the resumption of commercial flights into the area from the capital Addis Ababa. God bless this time and continue to rebuild what has been broken down.
- The number of Covid infections in Hong Kong continues to remain high. Let us all do our best to maintain our Covid regime and look out for the needs of those around us. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones and bring peace to their troubled hearts.
- Let us pray for our primary school children as they prepare to return to whole-day face-to-face school after the Lunar New Year break. May the Lord's hand of protection be on them.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Lebanon.

We are **thankful** for:

- lands and monuments sacred in the origins of Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- those who unceasingly work for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land
- the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel
- those who continue to welcome the multitudes of refugees in their lands.

We **pray** for:

- ending the violence racking this region, that the people might live together in peace, security and respect for each other
- those who have grown weary and disillusioned in searching for solutions
- an end to religious differences being exploited to perpetuate conflict and further displacement of people
- political leaders who will courageously bring about justice and reconciliation for the sake of all.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We pray for those who have been received into membership of the church this morning may they feel the love and purpose of this community in their lives and in their faith walk. Pray for Kenneth Ku, Chris Law, Joy Prim and Amber Tong.
- We remember in prayer our dear friends Tony Lo and Justine Wong as they mourn the loss of their precious baby boy Ethan Lo. Baby Ethan lived for 80 days before God called him home. May we hold the family in prayer that they may be comforted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you, Revd Judy Chan, for sharing the Word of God with us this day and welcome to the family, Kenneth, Chris, Joy and Amber.

This Week's Programs in Church

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
Wednesday - Harambe at 6 pm
Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir at 4 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 2 January 2023

Blow the old year away with a New Year hike facilitated by the Care and Fellowship Committee. An easy walk along Ma On Shan Esplanade to Wu Ka Sha beach. Please bring along water and a packed lunch.

Date: Monday, 2 January 2023 Meeting time: 10:30 am

Meeting place: Tai Shui Hang Station, Exit A

Register here: <https://forms.gle/dnVicFpKvrbYt3dG6>



Sunday, 15 January 2023

The Care and Fellowship Committee will facilitate a Lai See folding Session
Upcycle your old Lai See packets to create something beautiful and new.

To register: <https://forms.gle/hEWdDj244o1x5go3A>



	TODAY 1 January	NEXT WEEK 8 January
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Joy Prim
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Katie Ho
Lector:	Gabriel Li	Caden Lam
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Rey Asis
Family Talk:	No Family Talk	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Paul Wong, Tory Caplan	Edwina Antonio,
Offering Rota:	Mary Adesina Anna Antazo	Kulvinder Kaur Gabi Baumgartner
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Rey Asis	Edwina Antonio Rey Asis
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral	Tong Chong Sze
Promissory offering last week: HK\$-400 Special Christmas Offering: HK\$11,910.80		