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## **First Sunday after Epiphany 10 January 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

(\*: Congregation Stands)

### **APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Holy Spirit Come To Us" – Taizé Community

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" – Music: Arr. Lawrence F. Bartlett

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord Have Mercy)

– Music: Russian Orthodox Chant

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** "Day By Day" – Music: Oskar Ahnfelt

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 29 (O.T.)

Acts 19:1-7 (N.T.)

Mark 1:4-11 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

\* **HYMN** "Ascribe Greatness" – Composer: Unknown

**SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** “The Kingdom Of God Is Justice & Peace”

– Music: Taizé Community

**OFFERTORY**

\* **SIGN OF PEACE**

\* **HYMN** “Shine Jesus Shine” – Composed by Graham Kendrick

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**For the World and Hong Kong**

- Supporters of President Donald Trump, encouraged by the president, forcefully entered the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday as a joint session of both houses of Congress were meeting to certify the results of the U.S. election last year. During the assault, a protester was fatally shot and three others died from medical emergencies. One US Capitol Police also died later from injuries. More than 60 protesters were arrested within a day. The joint session of Congress reconvened after order was restored and certified Joe Biden as the next U.S. president. We offer prayers for justice for those who illegally entered the Capitol and healing for the nation as it inaugurates a new president on 20 January.
- With the first vaccine authorizations arriving all around the world, countries are now facing the next big challenge: distributing them. We remember the public health officials, many of whom are underfunded, tasked with this monumental responsibility. We pray that those in power will ensure vaccinations happen in an equitable and timely fashion, going first to protecting the most vulnerable members of society.
- As the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbates economic volatility and labor rights issues, we lift up the garment workers across Southeast Asia, who have been hit especially hard by order cancellations and factory closures. We pray for God's provision during these difficult times and for companies to be held accountable for holding up wages.
- The mass arrests of more than 50 activists and politicians who participated in a primary election have shaken Hong Kong once again. The destruction of this once free society pains our hearts deeply. We pray for all of them and their families, and may God comfort us through those sleepless nights when many others in the city ponder the future. Grant us courage, wisdom and most of all, hope as we seek God's kingdom.

**For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Iran, Iraq, Syria.
- We give thanks for the resilience of the people who remain in their homelands even when they face constant threats and ongoing violence;

the relief and assistance that has been provided to so many; those who have made a new home for refugees fleeing from these countries; those who have worked continually for peace, justice and reconciliation.

- We pray for an end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers; political leaders emerging in these countries who will pursue peace, the common good, and human rights of all groups; the international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved; greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

### **For the Congregation**

- Pray for our ministers and church leaders in their service to God through KUC. May the Holy Spirit unite them as one in Christ to serve with wisdom. In the new year, we pray for spiritual growth for all members and the whole congregation. May the community of KUC continue to witness for Christ to bring light, hope, and love to the world of darkness. We pray also for a stronger community in Christ. We pray that more members and friends are willing to participate in the various ministries of the church and that together we serve God with joy.
- We give thanks to God for the success of Victoria's surgery to her left ankle. We pray for her and Peter's recovery. Jenny is transferred to Kowloon Hospital for rehabilitation. May God heal and increase her strength every day. Let's remember Bruce's mother as she had suffered a mini-stroke recently. We continue to uphold in our hearts the strengthening of Paul Wong's leg, for the good health of Siriya, Peter Chan, Sandy Hung, Feby, Emad, and Nasr.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to all who join the Sunday worship through Facebook livestreaming today, the second Sunday in 2021. We wish you a blessed new year filled with God's love and peace. Please stay safe and healthy. Be in touch with our ministers and church leaders if you need prayers and any support from us. We pray that we will meet again soon by God's grace.

### **Welcome Carl Catedral**

Carl has been studying a theological course at Fuller Theological Seminary, USA. We are delighted to have Carl taking his apprenticeship (internship) at KUC for nine months beginning in January. May Carl have a fruitful and joyful learning and serving experience.

### **KUC Mission Support for 2021**

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, is seeking suggestions from the congregation regarding organizations that the church should support this year with its mission funds. Please pass any suggestions

that you have to members of the MOE Committee or the church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 Feb.

### **Donation or Offering to the Church**

If you wish to make a donation or offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and mail it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or you can make a direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail or e-mail (kuc@kuc.hk) the bank receipt to us for our records. For more options, please visit the church website at <https://kuc.hk/giving>.

### **Flowers in Worship**

You are welcome to make a donation for the flowers for the worship services. The minimum amount for each week is \$100. Donations may be given to Pastor Maggie or Pastor Phyllis.

### **Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church**

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, restatement of faith, or baptism. Interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

### **Preparation for Baptism**

For any friend who would like to be prepared for baptism in the church, please be in touch with Pastor Phyllis or Pastor Maggie.

<b>TODAY</b>	
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Chris Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Tony Chan