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Lent 1

6 March 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN “Our Eyes Are Turned” – Composer: Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “In Christ Alone” – Composer : Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJUS8zJhVYY>

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 91 (OT)

Luke 4: 1 – 13 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “Grace Through the Darkness”

MUSIC MEDITATION “Wait For The Lord” – Composer: Taize Community

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxEAm2NQfgE>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN “A Place At The Table” – Music/Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmUIJvzRal4>

COMMISSION and BLESSING

RECESSIONAL “Dona la pace” – Composer : Taize Community

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKvOndLT5eM&list=PLoGxXbLWeSfGN-uXUZ_Zgdcx7aQAKubkJ)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The Covid-19 pandemic has rapidly spiralled out of control it seems, and has impacted almost every aspect of people's lives, from transportation to working conditions to even buying basic necessities for home. Most of us likely already have friends or relatives who have tested positive. We particularly remember those who are the most vulnerable — the migrant workers, refugees and the poor, the elderly, as well as medical and healthcare workers.
- The Government has declared that there shall be mandatory testing for all of Hong Kong, and that some form of lockdown will accompany the testing. However, there had been no details of the arrangement while rumours and conflicting information had been released by different government spokesmen causing anxiety and even sparked panic buying sprees. We pray that the Government can provide timely and well thought out detail arrangement to reassure the community.
- As Russia's invasion to Ukraine continues, and hundreds of thousands of civilians had to flee their homes while deaths and casualties escalate, we pray for peace and for the naked aggression to cease. Lord, please grant world leaders the wisdom and compassion to stop the tragedies and restore harmony.
- The world is celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March. The theme for this year is 'Breaking the Bias'. We pray that men and women work together towards a world free of stereotypes and discrimination, to build a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive.
- Record-breaking fatal floods are putting many places in Australia under water. We pray for those who lost loved ones to the natural disaster and bless the rescue efforts. We also pray that the world can learn from such natural disasters of how our own actions may have impacted on the environment.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, Tong Chong Sze, Hanna Isomura, Pastor Maggie, Amber, Desmond. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. We particularly pray for a safe journey for Nam and Inkyu as they are on the way to Korea upon news that Nam's mother is in critical conditions.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

We give thanks for:

- the many distinct cultures in these islands and how literature, music, dance, and other traditions rooted here, have enriched people around the world

- the economic and other aid that consistently have come from the area to those in the world who are most in need
- the many who have emigrated to other parts of the world, and in turn, the immigrants from these lands who are now turning the United Kingdom and Ireland into increasingly multi-ethnic, multireligious societies
- the positive contributions Great Britain has made in world history and that church leaders have played in the ecumenical and interfaith movements.

We pray for:

- the healing of scars and memories that linger after times of colonization
- overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith
- resolving differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe
- dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through online today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church.

All face to face activities are suspended in Church until 20 April 2022 due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Season of Lent

Lenten Season is an important time of the year for Christians to reflect on our faith and our life with God in our daily life. We pray that together we undertake the spiritual journey and discover a deeper meaning of life in Christ, our redeemer, who lived, died and was resurrected to save the world and all humanity. Lenten Devotionals on the theme of "Grace Through the Darkness" will be shared through KUC's Facebook beginning on 7 March – three devotions per week – Monday/Wednesday/Friday - during the Lenten season.

We give thanks to God for the worship held on Ash Wednesday which helped participants to prepare hearts for the Lenten season. In case you have missed the Ash Wednesday Service, you may go to the link and watch -

<https://tinyurl.com/48x5bwjj>

Lectio Divina

Our monthly practice of Lectio Divina will be held on Wednesday, 9 March from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or by direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us for our records.

KUC Small Grants for 2022 - Deadline for submission extended to 14 March

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, invites the congregation to recommend or suggest organizations that the KUC can support this year through Small Grants. Please pass the details of your suggested organisation (name, website or social media link, email) to any of the MOE Committee members or church pastors. **The deadline for receiving proposals has been extended to 14 March 2022 (Monday).**

We Seek Your Prayers

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members to serve on both the Council and the Trustees. As several members have completed their terms, others have stepped down, and others have left Hong Kong, we have several vacancies to fill. We seek your prayers that God will prepare the right people to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or a Council member, if you are considering such a position, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve through one of these governing bodies of the Church.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Judy Chan
Music:	YouTube video
Lector:	Chris Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral/Bervinder Kaur