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Palm Sunday

10 April 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN “Christe Salvator”(Christ our Saviour)

– Composer: Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest”

– Composer: Carl Tuttle

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 118: 19 - 29 (OT)

Luke 19: 28 - 40 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

READING “STONES”

SERMON

HYMN “My Lord You Wore No Royal Crown”

– Music: Trad folk Lyrics: Christopher Idle

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE “O Lord Hear My Prayer”– Taize

THE PEACE

HYMN “Meekness and Majesty”

– Composer: Graham Kendrick

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

– American Folk Hymn

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- We give thanks that we see the local numbers of Covid cases dropping. We continue to pray for those who have tested positive and for their carers, and for all hospital and front line staff working in the midst of this.
- News coming from the Russia-Ukraine war has stated that the Russian forces have withdrawn from Kyiv and Chernihiv and are heading further east in the country. People living in that region have been advised to evacuate for fear of more intense attacks from the Russian forces. More and more atrocities have been uncovered from both sides. May God have mercy on all.
- The United States Government has stated that the policy known as Title 42, introduced by former president Trump and extended twice by President Biden, will be canceled. The policy was aimed at stopping the spreading of Covid 19 in migrant holding facilities, those testing positive were expelled from the country without being given the chance to put forward their cases for asylum.
- For the first time in more than two years, schools and universities across Iran have fully reopened which had been closed since the start of the pandemic.
- Let our hopes and prayers be with the people of Yemen as warring forces have laid down their weapons as we witness the first nationwide truce has been declared for two months. This is the first since 2016.
- We pray for the safety of Sister Suellen Tennyson MCM who was kidnapped in Burkino Faso. May God protect her and keep her in good health.
- The Hong Kong Government has once again started issuing millions of dollars through spending vouchers schemes. We pray this money will offer those receiving some light relief from the situations they may find themselves in at this time. Remembering those also in need but who do not qualify for the scheme.
- Pray for the continued support of NGOs in Hong Kong who are working tirelessly to obtain food supplies and other necessities for those in deepest need. Our peacemaking team is among those working to bring a little joy to those in need.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, Mrs. Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, and Tong Chong Sze. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. We particularly pray for Nam and Inkyu who are currently in Korea attending Nam's mother who remains in critical condition.
- Pray for the family of our brother Naveen Kumar who passed away last month and for those preparing for his farewell here in Hong Kong.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

We give thanks for:

- the blending of Christian traditions and practices, from the West and East
- the faithful witness of churches amid political changes
- those working for more democratic governance in these countries
- those who welcome newcomers and provide for them and others in need.

We pray for:

- better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions
- respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly, so they can receive an adequate education, jobs, and health care
- economic developments that serve all people
- ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests, and installing instead measures to protect the environment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship 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.

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

We will not meet together this week online.

Lectio Divina

Our monthly practice of Lectio Divina will be held on Wednesday, 13 April 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.

Season of Lent – Holy Week

The 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.

During Holy Week we will share with you the scripture readings for each day, this will be accompanied with images and music for the day for reflection. These will be shared on the KUC Facebook page.

Good Friday Worship

Join us online on Friday evening at 8pm.

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.

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.

Date for your diaries – KUC Annual General Meeting, 15 May 2022

	TODAY
Liturgist/Preacher	Maggie Mathieson
Lector:	Witness Blessing Lukuba David Ifeanyi Onwufuju
Intercessory Prayers:	Tong Chong Sze
Reader	Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur