

Kowloon Union Church
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Third Sunday of Easter
23 April 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "Yours Be The Glory" – Music: G F Handel; Lyrics: E L Budry
"Jesus Paid it All" (refrain only) – Music: J T Grape; Lyrics: E M Hall

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Composer: Trad Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** "Nothing but The Blood" – Composer: R Lowry

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Luke 24: 13-35 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "Alive, Alive" – Music: Traditional

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Would You Know?"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas"

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

– Composers: S Townend

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

- Over the last year, the streets of Iran have been filled with the cries of women and men seeking freedom of choice to wear or not wear the hijab. However, the voice of another group is now being heard from within these protests. Members of the LGBTQ community are protesting, carrying placards adorned with the Pride flag, using the platform to let others know they are not alone in their gender struggles. Unfortunately, many of these young activists are quickly arrested by the authorities. Let us remember these brave people seeking acceptance in a country where they are forced into hiding their true selves. May the Lord protect them.
- In war-torn Yemen, at least 85 people lost their lives, and many were injured in a crowd crush as they waited to receive charity distributions for Ramadan. Officials blame the incident on the lack of organisation of the exercise. At a time when our Muslim brothers and sisters will be celebrating the breaking of the fast, many families in Sanaa will be mourning. May God comfort and sustain them at this time.
- Eleven Indonesian fishermen have been rescued after surviving six days without food or water on a tiny island off Australia's coast. Another vessel and crew were also hit during Tropical Cyclone Isla last week. Unfortunately, nine of the ten crew members are still missing and presumed dead. Pray God's comfort fall on the families of these men who have died. And let us never forget to thank and recognise those who risk their lives so that others may have what they desire.
- Lawmakers on Wednesday passed amendments to occupational health and safety laws, increasing the maximum penalty for serious breaches by employers. Many welcome these changes, but concerns are shared for small to medium enterprises and their ability to meet the cost of the fines. Nevertheless, this added protection for those in the workforce is genuinely welcome and will bring a sense of hope.
- Waiting time in Hong Kong's public hospital Accident & Emergency department has been scrutinised after one patient was found dead in a waiting room toilet, following a 12-hour wait in A & E before her condition was assessed. A coroner's inquest will be conducted, and authorities have said they will look into improvement measures to avoid another such incident. Pray that a solution can be found for this and that waiting times can be cut down and people receive the treatment needed.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

We are thankful for:

- the long history of Christianity in these lands
- Christians and Muslims who have witnessed to their faith during long years of repression and persecution
- positive developments these countries have undergone since the end of the Soviet-era
- those who pursue peace and reconciliation in the face of old suspicions and animosities.

We pray for:

- greater respect for the human rights of all people living in these countries
- just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination
- the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred
- a prophetic witness of the churches in relation to new challenges
- the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Sunita Suna and Helen Lee's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa, Lilly Yuen and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Pray for our community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting that the Lord will prepare us well and ready for further service in Kowloon Union Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Early Morning Bible Study at 9 am Upper Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will go for an outing this week
Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

KUC Peacemaking Fellowship

The Peacemaking Fellowship will go on a visit to Kai Tak Cruise Terminal. Please know that you are welcome to join the group on that occasion. Register using the Q

Date: Tuesday 25 April

Meeting place: Kowloon Union Cl

Contact person: Pastor Phyllis

Meeting time: 9:15 am



Dates For Your Diary

Movie Sunday - Sunday, 30 April 2023

The MOE committee will present two movies centred around Thomas Merton OCOS. Thomas Merton was an American Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion.

Movie titles: 'The Life of Thomas Merton' and 'Thomas Merton in his own voice.'

Date: Sunday, 30 April 2023 Time: 2 pm Location: Upper Fellowship Hall

Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The church's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 7 May 2023**. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held the same day before the AGM. If you are a member of KUC and cannot attend the meeting, please submit your proxy form before the meeting date. Above all, please pray for that time of the meeting and all preparations beforehand.

Please note: Written notice has been sent from the Church office concerning these two meetings; if you are a church member but have yet to receive the documents, please contact the church office on 2367 2585.

From The Council Chair

At the May 7 AGM, elections will be held for five vacancies in Council (1 current member is eligible for re-election to one of those), one vacancy in the Trustees, and one for Treasurer. Welcome to inform the Council Chair Doris Lee, Pastor Phyllis Wong, or Pastor Maggie Mathieson if you recommend a church member or yourself for nomination to any of these seats or wish to inquire more about the requirements of these roles.

	TODAY 23 April	NEXT WEEK 30 April
Liturgist:	Aimé Girimana	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Dr Kung Lap Yan
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Chris Law	Emanuel Adesina
Intercessory Prayers:	Journaliz Badon	Rey Asis
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Lydia Cathedral
Greeter:	Peter Youngblood Holly Chui	Rachel Wanguri Jen Pang
Offering Rota:	Daddy Ching So	Thapa Garung Katie Ho
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Judy Chan	Paul Wong Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Amber Tong Mary Adesina	Maggie Mathieson Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur	Carl Cathedral Venus Cheng
Freewill offering last week : HK\$3,500.50 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$800 -		