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Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Sunday

(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION "Holy Spirit Come to Us" – Composer: Taizé

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Gather Us In "

– Composer: M. Haugen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Traditional Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Beauty For Brokenness"

– Composer: G Kendrick

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Matthew 15: 1-20 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer" – Composer: Taizé Community

OFFERING
OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

* HYMN “Lord, How Can I Repay?”

– Composer: J Glynn

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* HYMN “Go Tell Everyone”

– Music: H Richards; Words: A. Dale

* COMMISSION

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Let us pray this day and every day for the peace of the world and her people. Particularly we remember the African and Asian nations where gunfire and bombings are becoming the norm. Pray that the attempts to find a path towards peace and understanding will succeed and that all will do their part to mend the wrongs that have occurred and are occurring.
- The nations of the world witness and declare King Charles III as the “King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith”. We pray his reign will be one of action, recognition and reconciliation.
- At least 130 people have died after floods and landslides hit Rwanda's northern and western provinces. Rains and flood waters have weakened structures, destroyed many buildings, and eroded vital roadways. However, as the flood waters continue to rise, fears arise, and the number of casualties grows. Rescue attempts and recovery work are nigh impossible. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and all their possessions and those trying to reach those in greatest need.
- Every day in Afghanistan, according to the United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF, an estimated 167 children die from preventable diseases, illnesses that could and should be cured with the right medication. The problem being there is no medication, and medical staff are in short supply. This situation will only worsen with time if something is not done. Lord, touch the hearts of those in governance in the country and other countries to take action.
- Medical researchers are confident of the fact that we could be entering into the 'era of Alzheimer's treatments'. This news comes after a second drug in under a year has been

shown to slow the progress of the disease. The drugs are not yet fully passed and available for the public to use; still, this is good news for those facing the horrors of this disease. May the work of those developing the drug be encouraged to continue this vital work.

- On Labour Day, the Federation of Trade Unions (FTU) announced that the government should take the lead in abolishing the practice of outsourcing jobs. This was one of several demands presented by the group, quoting how damaging this practice is to the rights of workers. Outsourced workers are on shorter contracts, meaning they miss out on pay raises and other benefits. Workers should be paid and rewarded for the work they do. May those who speak for the workers be encouraged to continue to speak for their rights.
- A patients' rights group here in Hong Kong has welcomed a new medication delivery service but urge the Hospital Authority to consider reducing the flat rate delivery charge of HK\$65 for low-income families or elderly patients. This scheme particularly benefits those with multiple medical needs and will reduce waiting time after consultation. On the fee issue, the HA has acknowledged the possibility of introducing a discount or fee waiver for low-income families and the elderly once the trial ends. Thank God that measures are being taken to help and aid people positively.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

We give thanks for:

- the diversity of peoples in these countries: their cultures, values and spirituality
- for the resilience of minority religious groups and those on the margins of society, such as indigenous communities, Dalits, women, youth, the disabled and sexual minorities, amid discrimination and persecution
- for the contributions of Christians and Christian churches in these countries to education and health services and for their innovative attempts in contextualising their worship, theology and institutional life
- efforts to forge inter-religious solidarity for the sake of the common good.

We pray for:

- those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty
- Christians and others who selflessly work in the community, their efforts at ensuring the rights of all citizens, and their collaborative work
- efforts to build understanding and harmony among peoples across religious, caste and ethnic identities
- peoples' movements struggling for the rights of women, Dalits, Indigenous peoples, and the integrity of the earth
- leaders to prioritise the well-being of the people and the earth amid demands for economic growth.

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 engage in our Extraordinary General Meeting and our Annual General Meeting that the Lord will prepare us well and ready us 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. We welcome Chan Ka Wai from the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee. Thank you for sharing the Word of God with us this morning.

This Week's Programs in Church

Sunday - Early Morning Bible Study at 9 am Upper Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship at 10 am in number 2 Jordan Road
Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The church's Annual General Meeting will be held today, 7 May 2023, at 2 pm. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held the same day before the AGM at 1 pm. 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: The Church office has sent written notice concerning these two meetings.

Human Café in KUC - "Your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives." 1 Cor:19

Presented by the Christian Education Committee and the Peacemaking Body

Please consider joining 1 or 2 or all three sessions as you contemplate the idea of the body as a temple of GOD through some simple somatic-based practices.

Dates for sessions: 14/5, 21/5 and 2 July.

Time: 11: 45 – 12:45

Venue: Conference Room KUC

Max number of participants: 15 pax

Please note there is no registration needed for this programme; it will be on a first come basis for participants. Also, please note **'NO ENTRY AFTER 12 NOON'**.

	TODAY 7 May	NEXT WEEK 14 May
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Chan Ka Wai	Terri Appel
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Sunita Suna	Carol Yuen
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Paul Wong Angeline Onwufuju	Edwina Antonio Ana Bultron
Offering Rota:	Samjhana Thapa Kulwinder Kaur	Ching So Caden Lam
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Gabi Baumgartner	Edwina Antonio Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner Maggie Mathieson	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week : HK\$3894.4 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$5460- Retiring: HK\$1,200-		