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Trinity Sunday
4 June 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Sunday

(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Santo, Santo, Santo” – Music: Trad.; Words: Anon

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

– Music: J Goss; Words: G Maule & J Bell

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** “The Trinity Song”

– Music: C H Bateman; Words: E Zaraw

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 (O.T.)

Matthew 28: 16 - 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 To the World” – Music: R V Williams; Words: S. Dunstan

* **COMMISSION**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

- The United Nations has started an operation to remove 1.1 million barrels of oil from a decaying supertanker moored off Yemen's Red Sea coast. There are genuine fears that the tanker could explode or break apart, causing an environmental catastrophe. The UN has raised \$114m (USD) to pay for the salvage work, the money donated by dozens of member states, private companies and even the general public through a crowdfunding campaign. However, a further \$29 million is urgently required to complete the project. God created this world where we live; let us do all we can to protect it!
- Sudanese officials say the army has suspended ceasefire talks with the parliamentary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), accusing the group of repeatedly violating previous truce agreements. These talks aimed to bring both short-term and long-term solutions to the conflict. Many are struggling as basic needs still need to be met. Food, water and medical supplies are almost non-existent. Let us pray that those in control of both forces will consider the needs of the people both claim to represent.
- Two Iranian female journalists who helped break the story of Mahsa Amini's death in custody in September have gone on trial before a Revolutionary Court. Iranian authorities have arrested at least 75 journalists since the mass protest swept across the country.

Seventeen, including the two women, are still in prison. Lord, we pray for those who strive to let the world know what is happening in the people's lives; remind us never to take the freedoms we have known for granted.

- The Myanmar military force is suffering defections and struggling to find recruits as the people see and feel the cruel, unjust practices of the junta. Those defecting are pursued by the armed forces, beaten and tortured if caught and forced to take up arms again. Those who escape seek safety in neighbouring Thailand. As the numbers of soldiers increase, may those fighting for democracy be strengthened by their support and build on this solidarity.
- A new National Security Law has been enacted in the Chinese Territory of Macau. Macau's government says the changes to 2009 legislation align with legislation in Hong Kong. May God grant the people of Macau wisdom as they adjust to a different way of living.
- Proposed legislation in Hong Kong will require social workers, teachers, nurses and doctors to report suspected cases of child abuse as soon as they are aware a child may be in danger. Anyone working closely with children will be considered a "mandated reporter." We thank God that those in authority take measures to protect our children here in Hong Kong and pray that other such vulnerable groups in society will be offered similar protection.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Eswatini.

We are **thankful** for:

- the rich biodiversity of plants and animals and mineral resources in this region
- the faithful witness of churches throughout the world during apartheid and how people of different races and lifestyles have come together since then,
- the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and others to bring healing from the atrocities committed
- how South Africa has made antiretroviral drugs accessible to all with HIV and AIDS.

We **pray** for:

- protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain
- more democratic and transparent governance in these countries at all levels
- effectively countering rape, sexual violence, and other crime
- adequate resources and changed attitudes toward welcoming refugees in these countries.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Sunita Suna and Helen Lee's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you, Hope, for sharing the Word of God with us this morning. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will meet at 10 am in Number 2 Jordan Road
 - Taizé Prayer Meeting, KUC Sanctuary at 7:30 pm
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm
- Saturday - Workshop on Sexuality and Spirituality at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
- Sunday - Early Morning Bible Study at 9:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall

TODAY – KUC @ 100

We want to hear more of your ideas for the Centenary year here in KUC, so we have inserted a small piece of paper in the bulletin for you to share your thoughts with us all. In addition, there will be a collection box at the back of the church for you to place your ideas and suggestions.

Pastor Phyllis

Our Pastor is on Annual leave until 16 June. She is visiting family in the UK and Canada. We wish her a blessed time of reunions and celebrations. Should you have any pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Maggie or the Church office.

Dates for your Diary

Sexuality and Spirituality Workshop #4: Sexuality, Spirituality, and Ethics
 Presented by: The Christian Education Committee

An exploration of the ethics of physical pairing in light of spirituality and faith
 Click on the QR code for registration.



Date: Sat. 10 June

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

Facilitator: Dr Peter Youngblood

	TODAY 4 June	NEXT WEEK 11 June
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Hope Antone	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Eva Kwan
Lector:	Paul Lucas	Journaliz Badon
Intercessory Prayers:	Venus Cheng	John Mok-Lamme
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Paul Wong Susan Babasa	Edwina Antonio Rachel Wangari
Offering Rota:	Anjette Bolanos Caden Lam	Kulwinder Kaur Lakshmi Kaur
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Ramon Bultron	Edwina Antonio Rey Asis
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina	Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$3,156 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$1,900- Organic Farm: HK\$240-		