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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 22 November 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Holy Spirit Come” – Music: Timothy Chan

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** “Meekness and Majesty” – Composer: Graham Kendrick

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord Have Mercy)

– Music: Russian Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “10,000 Reasons – Bless the Lord O My Soul”

– Lyrics and Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

‘WHAT IS A KING?’

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Ephesians 1:15-23

* **HYMN** “All in All” – Lyrics and Music: Dennis L Jernigan

Matthew 25:31-46

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

PROMOTION TIME Mercy – joining Bubbles group

Alegre, Ayden, David and Faith – joining Splash

Joy – joining Senior group

* **HYMN** “When I Needed a Neighbour” – Lyrics and Music Sydney Carter

READING ‘God’s Favourite Things’

‘OUR KING JESUS!’

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – BETHUNE HOUSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “The Kingdom Of God Is Justice & Peace”

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

*** SIGN OF PEACE**

*** HYMN** “The Servant King” – Music and Lyrics: Graham Kendrick

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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*“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- At least 30 people have lost their lives as the strongest Atlantic hurricane of the year rips through areas of Central America. Tens of thousands were forced to flee their homes as Hurricane Iota hit Nicaragua and neighbouring countries. May God’s peace be with those who died, heal the injured and give strength to the survivors to rebuild lives and homes.
- Pray for people in the Philippines who have been devastated by Typhoon Vamco and the subsequent flooding. May the people be given adequate emergency relief support from the government, humanitarian organizations and churches. May God’s love heal and give strength to the communities in their road of recovery. The illegal logging, quarrying, deforestation and siltation may have made the flooding worsened after the typhoons. We pray that the government and the people are more aware of the importance to protect the environment and to preserve the ecology.
- The parliament in Thailand met and voted to amend the constitution on Wednesday. We remember the people in Thailand especially the young protestors who have been actively participating in the democratic movement to ask for monarchical reform and more accountability from the military-backed government. May the voice and political rights of the people be recognized. Pray for a democratic Thailand that upholds human dignity and human rights.

- A fatal fire broke out on Sunday night at a tenement flat in Yau Ma Tei that caused seven fatalities and 11 injured. The tragedy took place in a Nepalese community in which they were celebrating a child's birthday as well as Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. May the dead rest in peace, the injured be healed and those who lost their beloved be comforted.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore.
- We **give thanks** for Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized; policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources. We **pray** for more just, participatory and democratic rule; the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

For the Congregation

- Renovation has been started for the work of steel windows at the Bell Tower. Pray for safety of workers and everyone who are entering in and out the church premise. We pray also services provided by the church will go smoothly during this renovation period.
- Keep upholding friends who are encountering different kinds of life challenges. Continue to pray for those who are in the healing process Wasanthi (Mercy's sister), Magda and Judy Lam.
- We give thanks to God for Linda and Samuel Mendoza's safe landing to the Philippines. May God bless them in a new stage of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome all who are physically present in church and all who join the Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. We have resumed church service with a limit of 50% capacity according to the rule issued by the government for four weeks. When the sanctuary reaches its capacity, friends will go to the conference room or the fellowship hall for worship. We appreciate friends to keep the hall quiet when the venue is used for worship. We advise everyone to observe the precaution measures in church to ensure public health safety.

KUC Movie Sunday TODAY: Features Documentary Film 'Bonhoeffer'

Why did the German Church embrace Hitler and the Nazi Party? And what was a good German, a deeply religious and pacifist man to do about it? Please come to the KUC Movie Sunday at 1:00 p.m. @Sanctuary, hosted by KUC's Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism (MOE) Committee to learn more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who may give us inspiration about how to live out our faith and life in a time of challenge.

Retiring Offering

We will collect Retiring Offering today for helping people in the Philippines affected by the super typhoon Vamco. The offering we receive will be sent to MIGRANTE International, a global alliance of Filipino migrant organizations with office based in Manila.

Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

During the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 15 November, the congregation asked the Council and Trustees to amend the proposed budget for 2021. Another EGM will be held on 20 December to approve the revised budget. Please mark the date.

Clean Up Day

Please join this annual event to prepare the church premise and ourselves for Advent on Saturday 28 November of this week, from 10am–5pm.

Craft Evenings

We are looking to start a 'craft group' here in KUC on Tuesday evenings. Anyone who is interested in joining the group, please speak to Pastor Maggie.

On Leave

Timothy will be on annual leave from 13-23 November.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 29 November First Sunday in Advent
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson Blessing, Jenet & Precious	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:		Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Blessing, Joy, Precious	Vivian Lee
Intercessory Prayers:	Lydia Cathedral Tong Chong Sze	Tory Caplan
Family Talk:		Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio Sunday School	Lucy Lim Hope Antone
Offering:	Sunday School	Chris Wong Rachel
Sunday School:	No Sunday School	Hugo Lo Tong Chong Sze Peter Zia
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral Monkey Liu	Lo Yuk Fai Timothy Chan

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,342-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$7,200-