

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

26 November 2023

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday and

Christ the King Sunday

(*: Congregation Stands)



APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Lead Me Lord”

– Composer: S S Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,

make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,

that makest me dwell in safety. (x2)

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ our King,

seated in the heavenly realm,

far above all rule and authority,

all power and dominion.

We worship and adore You.

Christ our King,
King of kings,
Lord of lords,
ruler of all.

We worship and adore You.

Christ our King,
You made us – we are Yours,
You love us – with a love that endures,
You care for us and protect us.

We worship and adore You.

* **HYMN** “Rejoice The Lord is King”

– Music: J . Darwall; Lyrics: C. Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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WORSHIP ADVISORY GROUP - Romans 12: 1

- Revd Judy Chan

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our King

we come before You seeking forgiveness.

When we do not give You the honour due to You

Forgive us.

When we fail to understand Your Kingship

Forgive us.

When we see hunger and thirst,

but don't see You:

Open our eyes, our hands and our hearts.

When we see loneliness and poverty,
but don't see You:

Open our eyes, our hands and our hearts.

When we see human frailty and suffering,
but don't see You:

Open our eyes, our hands and our hearts

Amen.

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” – Composer: Trad. Orthodox

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

UCCPHK CHOIR “A Song of Stewardship”

– Composers: Paterson and Taulman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - James 3:17

– John Mok-Lamme

HYMN “For I’m Building a People of Power”

– Composer: David Richards

For I'm building a people of power,
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit,
And will glorify My precious name.

Build Your church, Lord,
Make us strong, Lord,
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son.
Make us one, Lord,
In Your Body,
In the kingdom of Your Son. --||--

FAMILY TALK – MAINTENANCE - Matthew 7: 24 - 27

- Chan Beng Seng

HYMN “Take My Life”

– Music: H A C Malan; Lyrics: F R Havergal

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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MISSION, OUTREACH AND ECUMENISM - Micah 6:8

- Rey Asis

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CARE AND FELLOWSHIP - 1 John 4:7

- Lucy Lim

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

ALL RESPOND "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

– Taizé

O Lord, hear our prayer;

O Lord, hear our prayer;

when we call answer us.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

O Lord, hear our prayer;

come and listen to us. --||--

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

– Iona Community

We believe in God

**who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.**

We believe in Jesus Christ

**who became human,
who healed the sick,**

**who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.**

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit

**who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,**

**offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice, a family united,
a light for our world. Amen.**

*** HYMN “The Servant King” – Composer: Graham Kendrick**

From Heaven, You came helpless babe

Entered our world, your glory veiled

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, The Servant King

He calls us now to follow Him

To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to The Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
"Yet not My will but Yours", He said

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

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*** COMMISSION – PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

One :Into Your hands we commit ourselves,

O Christ,

for Your holding,

your directing,

Your inspiring,

Your perfecting.

Into Your hands, we commit ourselves.

All : Bless us with Your power

to heal, help, liberate and challenge.

Bless us with Your yearning

for a better world and a fuller faith.

Bless us with Your Holy Spirit

within us and among us. Amen

BLESSING

Concerns of the Church

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

- In this moment of delicate negotiations between Israel and Hamas, we come together in prayer for the well-being and safety of all those involved. We pray for the swift and peaceful release of the hostages, especially the women and children who have endured immense suffering. May the pause in fighting provide a respite for the affected families and pave the way for increased humanitarian aid to reach Gaza. We pray for wisdom and compassion to guide the leaders involved so that they may find lasting solutions to the conflicts that have caused so much pain. In our collective hearts, we hope for a future where peace, justice, and understanding prevail in the region.
- Yesterday marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Recognizing the pervasive and devastating nature of this human rights violation, we stand in solidarity with efforts to end violence against women and girls worldwide. Despite progress since the #MeToo movement, we are saddened by the rise in attacks against women human rights defenders and activists. In particular, we highlight female journalists who are being "targeted on social media" and are now risking their lives reporting from dangerous places. We are pleased to note that Queen Camilla of the UK sent a strong message on the often under-reported issue of abuse and sexual violence against women in war zones. Let us continue to pray for women's protection and equal rights, honoring their tremendous contribution and potential in our society.
- In the wake of the election of a new president in Argentina, we remember the Argentine citizens who have faced economic hardships, triple-digit inflation, and rising poverty. May they find hope, strength, and resilience amid these challenges. We pray for unity and solidarity among the people so that they may collectively contribute to the nation's well-being. May this period of change be marked by compassion, understanding, and a shared commitment to creating a better future for all. May Argentina find a path to stability,

prosperity, and social harmony under the leadership of its newly elected President.

- According to a report released this month by AidData, China is owed more than a trillion dollars through its Belt and Road projects, making it the most prominent debt collector in the world, with an estimated 80 per cent of the loans supporting countries in financial distress. We pray for the nations entangled in the debt burden of China's Belt and Road Initiative. As this vast initiative unfolds, we beseech God to guide leaders toward equitable solutions that alleviate the financial distress of countries in need. Bless those who navigate the complexities of international financing, urging them to prioritize transparency and sustainable development. Grant strength to those who bear the weight of debt so that they may find a path to prosperity and resilience. In God's boundless mercy, help us all work towards a world where resources are shared justly and the vulnerable are uplifted.
- In 2014, the abuse case of Erwiana went viral globally, and she became the face of a movement to advocate changes for migrant foreign domestic workers in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, advocates have noted that very little has changed since. We reflect on the findings of a recent study by a local university research team regarding the mistreatment of migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. The analysis of nearly 400 newspaper reports from 2010 to 2019 reveals a concerning pattern of misrepresentation, with media often providing mitigating factors for perpetrators while minimizing the voices of migrant domestic workers. These individuals contribute significantly to our city's economy and deserve fair treatment. In our prayers, we urge for fair representation and diversity in media reporting, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging the severity of the challenges faced by migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

We are **thankful** 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
- economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many
- policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources
- those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony.

We **pray** for:

- more just, participatory and democratic rule
- locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources
- greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation
- the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

For the Congregation

- We continue to pray for the renovation of the church and the safety of the workers.
- Pray for those facing health challenges that require body strength restoration: Edna Lai, Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Revd Bud, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa and Pastor Maggie. We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs Samuel and the mother of Alex Melwani. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

Announcements

Today - A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Please stay and join the tea & coffee fellowship after the service.

Today - Movie Sunday organized by MOE Committee: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

“Sister” - 90-minute film A documentary about the life and work of death penalty abolitionist Sister Helen Prejean. The film examines her life and influences and delves into the evolving role of Catholic nuns in America. A poignant piece, it follows Sister Helen (best-selling author of *Dead Man Walking*) as she counsels and fights for the stay of execution of Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip.

Clean Up Day

Annual Clean up days will be arranged on 1 & 2 December (Friday & Sat), from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and join us to clean KUCspace and the church at no. 4. It is great fun and a joyful time being together to make our church shine after some deep cleaning. Let's get ready for the new church year on 1st Sunday of Advent.

Guitar lessons for beginners – organized by the Peacemaking Ministry

The lessons will cover basic chord sharps, simple songs, and self-study handouts.

Please contact Katie for inquiries and registration at 9623-1976.

Tutor: Mr Cephas Shek, a professional guitarist from Worship Nations

Every Friday, 8/12/2023 to 26/1/2024; 1:30 – 2:30 pm @ KUCspace

Fee: HK\$900 for eight sessions.

	TODAY 26 November	NEXT WEEK 3 December
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Revd. Judy Chan, Chan Beng Seng, John Mok- Lamme, Rey Asis, Lucy Lim	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Lucy Lim
Lector:	-	Jennifer Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Revd Joram Calimutan	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Thapa Samjhana Susan Babasa	Paul Wong Tory Caplan
Offering Rota:	Daddy Journaliz Badon	Rose Muiriri Ronald Chui
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Joy Prim	Edwina Antonio Gabi Baumgartner
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$13,142.50- Promissory offering last week: HK\$600-		