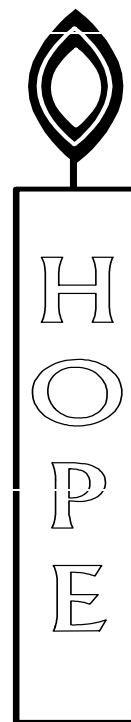


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First Sunday in Advent
29 November 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

ADVENT CANDLE LITANY – CANDLE OF HOPE

SONG OF PREPARATION “Light Of Hope Ignite In Us”
– Music: Timothy Chan. Lyrics: M Mathieson

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
– Music: trad. Lyrics: John Mason Neale

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart O God” – Composer: Eddie Espinosa
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Have Thine Own Way Lord” – Music: G Stebbins. Lyrics: A Pollard

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah 64:1–9 (O.T.)

1 Corinthians 1:3–9 (N.T.)

Mark 13:24–37 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Refiner’s Fire” – Music and Lyrics: Brian Doerksen

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Re-Visiting Christ’s Coming”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "I Waited I Waited On The Lord"

– Music: WGRC – The Iona Community

OFFERTORY

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** "When Out Of Poverty Is Born"

– Tune: Kingsfold. Lyrics: Kathy Galloway

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on 1 December. The theme for the 2020 observance is "Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact". World AIDS Day was first observed in 1988. May God give strength and wisdom to organizations and professionals working on this area of service and advocacy, especially during COVID 19 with additional challenges. There is a call to focus on vulnerable groups who are already at risk and expand coverage to children and adolescents. May the people who are infected by HIV be given equal access to medicine and social support. We pray also for a caring community in which people with HIV/AIDS may have lives of dignity, and free from discrimination.
- After weeks of fighting, the conflict in Ethiopia between the central government and the northern region of Tigray has escalated. We pray for reconciliation and the safety of civilians, as well as their ability to learn what's truly going on at a time when communications are cut and disinformation is rampant.
- We remember the people in India who are taking refuge from Cyclone Nivar, which has uprooted trees and toppled electricity poles across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry. We pray not only for their protection but also inner peace. While natural disasters are out of human control, may we never forget that improved weather forecasting and better response plans are and will continue saving lives.
- With the sentencing of the leader of a chatroom sex abuse group in South Korea, we are reminded that sexual assault is still a serious issue for so many women around the world. We celebrate this justice that so many activists have been fighting for, and pray that it will be a step toward eradication of violence against women.

- As Hong Kong enters the fourth wave of Covid-19 cases, we pray again for healthcare workers who are battling the virus on the frontlines as well as those whose livelihoods are drastically impacted by social restrictions. The pandemic has altered so many lives this year. Let us open our hearts to God even more during these vulnerable times and listen to what God wants for us. We are thankful for the scientists who have developed vaccines in record time. May God guide an equitable and timely distribution in Hong Kong and other parts of the world.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of Myanmar and Thailand.

For the Congregation

- Pray for safety of workers and everyone who are entering in and out the church premise during the renovation period.
- Pray for the recruitment of the Social Ministry Worker's position, who will be responsible for the church's Social Ministries especially the Peace Making Ministry.
- We remember our sister Barnette who has left Hong Kong and gone back to her home country for good. May God bless her in this 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 continue to follow the social distancing rule with a limit of 50% capacity of the hall. When the sanctuary reaches its capacity, friends will go to the conference room or the fellowship hall for worship. With the 4th wave of Covid-19 in Hong Kong, let us continue to observe the pre-cautionary measures to ensure personal and public health safety. Stay alert and keep a peaceful heart.

A Note of Thanks

Special thanks to everyone who came along and helped to clean and prepare our Church for the season of Advent. A fantastic job!

Joint Trustees and Council Meeting Today

The Trustees and Council will meet after the morning worship, to discuss and revise the budget for 2021 and submit to the EGM.

Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

During the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 15 November, the congregation requested 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.

Celebrate the Church's New Year - Advent

We enter into the new season of Advent today. Advent has marked the beginning of the Church liturgical year. Before we celebrate the birth of baby

Jesus in Christmas, Christians are called to prepare and wait for the coming of Christ with patience and joyful expectation. The Worship Advisory Group has chosen a theme for Advent this year: “Re-visiting Christ’s Coming”. During Advent, we will post 12 short reflections prepared by our church members on KUC’s Facebook. May we all spend time to reflect on our life and faith in Christ who came to the world to redeem and transform. May we be more like Christ and walk in His way of truth.

Christmas Celebration

- 24th December: Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be no pot-luck supper and carolling on the steps after the Service.
- 25th December: Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion at 11 am. It will be a joint service with One Body In Christ Church and UCCP.

Support to the Philippines

A total of HK\$1,970 retiring offering was received last week. The MOE Committee will add HK\$5,000 from the church Emergency Relief budget and send the money to MIGRANTE International, a global alliance of Filipino migrant organizations with office based in Manila, in support to people in the Philippines affected by the super typhoon Vamco.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 6 December
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Bud Carroll
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Vivian Lee	Tavis Du Preez
Intercessory Prayers:	Victoria Caplan	Edwina Antonio
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Lydia Cathedral
Greeter:	Lucy Lim Hope Antone	Norma Diaz Harry Chan
Offering:	Chris Wong Rachel	Jennifer Chan Chris Wong
Sunday School:	Hugo Lo Tong Chong Sze Peter Zia	Jaylin Tomitis Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Timothy Chan	Lo Yuk Fai Monkey

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,802-
 Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,100-
 Retiring offering: HK\$1,970-