

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**11 February 2024**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\*: Congregation stands)



## **APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG “Oculi Nostri”**

(Our Eyes are Turned to the Lord Jesus Christ)

– Composer: Taizé

Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ

Our eyes are turned to the Lord God our Saviour

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### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

O: The Lord has called you here this day.

**All: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**

Open your hearts to receive God’s good news.

**Lord, make us ready to serve you.**

Come, let us worship God!

**Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One.**

**AMEN.**

\* **HYMN** “Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation”

– Music: Trad; Words: R Bewes

Let us sing to the God of salvation  
Let us sing to the Lord our rock  
Let us come to God’s house with thanksgiving  
Let us come before the Lord and sing

Praise our Maker praise our Saviour  
Praise the Lord our everlasting King  
Every throne must bow before Him  
God is Lord of everything

In His hand are the earth's deep places  
And the strength of the hills is His  
All the sea is the Lord's for He made it  
By His hands the dry land was formed

Praise our Maker praise our Saviour  
Praise the Lord our everlasting King  
Every throne must bow before Him  
God is Lord of everything

Let today be the time when you hear Him  
May our hearts not be hard or cold  
Lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion  
As His people did in time of old

Praise our Maker praise our Saviour  
Praise the Lord our everlasting King  
Every throne must bow before Him  
God is Lord of everything --||--

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**when you call us to hope and to act with great boldness, we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes.**

**We are afraid of what we will see for your greatness unveils our weakness, your justice unveils our brokenness, and your holiness unveils our stained past.**

**Giver of all grace, forgive us our sins.**

**Give us the strength to renounce that which hides you from us.**

**Give us the wisdom to execute justice and righteousness.**

**Give us the courage to uncover our hearts that we might see the grace of your Son and not lose heart.**

**ALL RESPOND** “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord, have mercy)  
– Trad. Orthodox

Kyrie Eleison

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Kyrie Eleison --||--

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your  
praise.**

**HYMN** “He is Exalted” – Composer: Twila Paris

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 50: 1-6 (O.T.)

1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

5 “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Mark 9: 2-9 (N.T.)

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” 8

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**HYMN** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

– Music: Folk; Words Attr. Sadhu Sundar Singh

I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus,

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

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## **FAMILY TALK**

### **SERMON “Living in the Valley”**

#### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**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”**

– Composer: 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  
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## **OFFERTORY**

## **THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** “Transfigure Us, O Lord”

– Composer: Bob Hurd

Transfigure us, O Lord  
transfigure us, O Lord.  
Break the chains that bind us;  
speak your healing word, and  
where you lead we’ll follow.  
Transfigure Us, O Lord

Down from heights of glory into the depths below,  
the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to  
show.

You light the path before us, the way that we must  
go.

Transfigure us, O Lord

transfigure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us;  
speak your healing word, and  
where you lead we'll follow.

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill,  
glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills;  
in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises  
fulfilled

Transfigure us, O Lord

transfigure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us;  
speak your healing word, and  
where you lead we'll follow.

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep,  
A drink of living water for all who thirst and seek,

and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least.

Transfigure us, O Lord  
transfigure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us;  
speak your healing word, and  
where you lead we'll follow.

Transfigure Us, O Lord

To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go;  
Your face set toward the ending, the cross to be your  
throne.

Shall we journey with you and share your paschal  
road?

Transfigure us, O Lord  
transfigure us, O Lord.  
Break the chains that bind us;  
speak your healing word, and  
where you lead we'll follow.

Transfigure Us, O Lord

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**\* COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- Happy Chinese New Year! Today is the second day of the Year of the Dragon. Traditionally, today is a time for married people to visit their parents' homes and bring gifts and red packets (laisee) to their families and relatives. It is also a time to pray for good fortunes and hope for a better and more prosperous year. May the economy of Hong Kong rebound as strongly and as spiritedly as the proverbial dragon.
- As we gather in worship today, which the United Nations has designated as International Day of Women and Girls in Science, let us reflect on the remarkable contributions of women and girls in the field of science. Just as God's creation is diverse and multifaceted, so too are the talents and perspectives that women bring to scientific research. Their creativity, dedication, and insights enrich our understanding of the world and help address pressing global challenges, from health to climate change. Yet, despite progress in education, a gender gap persists in STEM disciplines worldwide. As a church community, let us pray for gender equality in all areas of life. May we recognize every individual's inherent worth and gifts, regardless of gender, and work towards a world where all can thrive and contribute fully.
- Senegal, a nation known for its generally peaceful transitions of power, faces a critical moment. President Macky Sall unilaterally postponed the presidential election, originally scheduled for 25 February, to 15 December. This unprecedented delay has sparked protests and accusations of a constitutional "coup". Opposition figures, including popular politician Ousmane Sonko, are barred from the ballot, raising concerns about fairness and judiciary corruption. Let us pray for Senegal's democracy and pray that the Lord will guide the leaders and citizens of Senegal toward justice, transparency, and a peaceful resolution. May the postponed elections lead to a stronger democratic foundation, and may the nation continue to be a beacon of stability in the region.

- Chile is grappling with devastating wildfires that have claimed over 120 lives and left thousands injured. Fueled by an unusual heatwave, these fires have razed thousands of homes in the Valparaíso region. As families search for missing loved ones amidst the rubble, we pray for their strength and resilience. We also pray for the rescue efforts in Chile. May the Lord grant wisdom to the firefighters, comfort grieving families, and heal the injured. May those who lost their lives find eternal peace, and may their families find solace in the support of the community.
- Dr. Yang Hengjun, a former employee of China's Ministry of State Security, has been given a suspended death sentence in China after being accused of spying. His writings, often referred to as those of a "democracy peddler," carefully navigated away from direct criticisms of the government. Human Rights Watch Asia has expressed grave concerns about due process, calling the outcome "outrageous." Let us pray for justice, the fair rule of law, and the protection of freedom of expression: may freedom of expression be safeguarded, and may the light of truth shine even in the darkest corners.
- China is currently grappling with severe winter weather, including blizzards and freezing rain, which has disrupted transportation during the Lunar New Year holiday. Millions of people, eager to reunite with their families, face delays and cancellations. The festival holds immense significance for urban workers, often marking their only trip back to their hometowns for a joyful celebration with loved ones over the seven-day national holiday. Dear Heavenly Father, we lift up the travellers in China during this challenging time. Grant them safety, warmth, and resilience as they navigate icy roads and disrupted transport. May their reunion with family be filled with hope and joy, and may your guiding hand protect them throughout their journey.
- This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which heralds the beginning of the season of Lent. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, leading to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

## **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.

We are **thankful** for:

- the quality of life that many in these countries enjoy and their commitment to provide for those in the world who are in need
- the organizations located here that seek to increase ecumenical and interfaith understanding and work together for the common good of all people and creation
- political and economic transparency in these countries
- those who reach out to migrants and counter attitudes and practices that oppose them.

We **pray** for:

- environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers
- the work for justice, reconciliation and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all
- religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions
- overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions.

## **For the Congregation**

- Pray for those facing health challenges that require body strength restoration: Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa, Julianne Long, and Stephanie Mumbi. We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs Samuel and the mothers of Alex Melwani and June Tang. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- May the Lord protect all travelling during the Lunar New Year, and may we be more mindful to call friends and family, especially those who are alone during the festivities.

## Announcements

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

**Thank you, Revd Bud,** for sharing the Word of God with us this morning.

### **100 Acts of Service**

**"What could I do today that could be the answer to someone's prayer?"**

KUC has opened a Kudoboard for everyone to share their

Acts of Service. Kudoboard is an online platform where we can record our experience in words, images or videos. You can scan the QR code or use the link to open the Kudoboard.



<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/LaXxotKG>

### **Dates For Your Diaries:**

#### **Ash Wednesday – 14 February**

Join us in a time of Worship as we enter the Season of Lent. Wednesday, 14 February, at 7:30 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

#### **Contemplative Prayer – organized by the Christian Education Committee**

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust

shall be your strength.” (Isaiah 30:15)

You are welcome to join the morning prayer to be with God through a journey to the heart and soul.

**When: Sunday from 9 to 9:30 am**

**Where: Upper Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Pastor Phyllis if you wish to know more about the prayer time.**

	<b>TODAY 11 February</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 18 February</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Bud Carroll	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Joshua Pang	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Blessing Loukeba	Kenneth Ku
Intercessory Prayers:	Phyllis Wong	Paul Lucas
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Edna Lai Journaliz Badon	Susan Babasa Kevin Ng
Offering Rota:	Susan Babasa Edith San Juan	Anjenette Bolanos Thapa Samjhana
Counting Rota	Judy Chan Gabi Baumgartner	TBC
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis Tong Chong Sze Gabi Baumgartner/ Estella Yeung	Mary Adesina Tong Chong Sze Gabi Baumgartner/Estella Yeung
I.T. Team:	Amber Tong Bervinder Kaur	Amber Tong Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week: HK\$23,103- Promissory offering last week: HK\$7,190-		