

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10 March 2024

Morning Worship at 10:30

a.m.

(*: Congregation stands)



APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Oculi Nostri”

(Our Eyes Are Turned)

– 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**

L: Wait in the Lord,

All: and do good

L: Turn your way to the Lord and wait in Him

All: and He shall bring it to pass.

L: Those who do wrong shall be cut off; but those
that wait for the Lord,

All: They shall inherit the earth

* **HYMN** “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

– Music: D J Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire

With splendor He is crowned

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal

To minister His grace

No work too hard for Him

In faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place --||--

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us; forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

ALL RESPOND “O Lord Have Mercy On Us”

– Composer: Timothy Chan

O LORD, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy on us.

O LORD, have mercy on us.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HYMN “This is My Desire”

– Composer: R Morgan

This is my desire

To honor You

Lord, with all my heart

I worship You

All I have within me

I give You praise

All that I adore

Is in You

Lord, I give You my heart

I give You my soul

I live for you alone

And every breath that I take

Every moment I'm awake

Lord, have Your way in me

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SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 37: 7-11 (O.T.)

7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

11 But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

James 1: 19-21 (N.T.)

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

Matthew 5: 38-41(N.T.)

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do

not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

HARAMBE CHOIR – “Ndikhokhele Bawo”

(Lead Me, Father)

zundikhokhele

ezinsizini

Bawo Bawo Bawo

Bawo ndiyabonga ngoba usandigcinile

(Ndikhokhele Bawo)

Lead me oh Lord

In all the sorrows of this world

Father Father Father

Father I thank you

for you still protect me

(Lead me oh Father)

(Ndinotenda Papa)

Papa, Papa, Papa

Papa ndinotenda nekuti muno ndijengeta

Thank you Father

Father, Father, Father

Father thank you for protecting me

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FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Blessed Are the Meek”

*** 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”

– 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 “The Servant King”

– Composer: G Kendrick

From heav'n You came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd
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

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

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 and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.

– John Wesley

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Today is International Day of Women Judges, commemorating the crucial role that women play in enhancing the legitimacy of courts, signalling openness and accessibility to justice seekers. Their representation inspires future generations and fosters accountability. Diverse perspectives strengthen judicial systems, while effective responses to crime are linked to women's presence. Active participation of women at decision-making levels contributes to sustainable development and peace. Let us pray for a world where gender equality prevails, justice is impartial, and women continue to shape a fair and equitable legal landscape.
- Sudan faces an imminent and devastating famine, as warned by the head of the Norwegian Refugee Council. Over half a million Sudanese refugees in Chad are at risk. War-ravaged areas within Sudan suffer from hunger, with residents enduring RSF checkpoints, artillery, and sniper fire. Fear of harassment and violence keeps people confined to their homes. Damaged electrical and water facilities exacerbate the crisis, leading to untreated water consumption and thousands of suspected cholera cases. Let us pray for the people of Sudan so that they find relief, sustenance, and peace amidst their struggles.
- Thailand faces a dire air pollution crisis, with over 10 million Thais seeking treatment for pollution-related illnesses in 2023. The situation has worsened, exacerbated by widespread farm burning and forest fires, particularly in the country's north. Chronic conditions

like lung cancer, bronchitis, asthma, and heart disease are prevalent. Let us pray for the health and well-being of the people in Thailand so that they find relief from this toxic air and regain vitality. May the government heed the impact of PM2.5 particles on public health and prioritise efforts to reduce air pollution.

- China's decision to eliminate the premier's annual news conference after the National People's Congress, a tradition held since 1993, marks the end of an essential institution in the country's reform era. The news conference provided a rare opportunity for journalists to interact with top Chinese leaders, even though answers rarely deviated from the official line. The move raises concerns about information opacity and transparency, especially as China claims commitment to fostering a friendly business environment. Let us pray for greater openness, accountability, and transparency in China's governance.
- A long-established contractor has abruptly declared bankruptcy and entered liquidation proceedings at the start of this month. Fung Cheung Kee had nine ongoing private development projects, and its liquidation affects nearly a hundred employees. The Federation of Trade Unions urges affected workers to seek assistance for unpaid wages. A sub-contractor with a long history of cooperation with Fung Cheung Kee reveals that full payment has been elusive for a long time since 2019. The cumulative amount of unpaid wages and bills exceeds HK\$150 million. We lift the workers and sub-

contractors impacted by Fung Cheung Kee's liquidation. May they find strength, unity, and support from their community. We pray for justice, fairness, and a swift resolution to their plight.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

We are **thankful** for:

- the spectacular beauty of the changing landscape of forests, lakes, mountains and glaciers
- churches that are advocating and implementing measures to redress climate change that is dramatic here and throughout the world
- those who have opened their doors and hearts to people migrating to these lands
- the support for justice, peace and interfaith work that comes from these countries.

We **pray** for:

- the poor and marginalized who struggle in these rich countries
- personal and investment practices that support environmental sustainability
- growing openness to becoming more multi-ethnic, multi-faith societies
- those who are affluent that they will contribute to making the world and their societies more just for all

- a Church that is prepared to be a voice in the struggle for indigenous people's rights.

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 Revd. Kwok Nai Wang. 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.

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, Hope Antone, for sharing the Word of God with us this morning.

Every Sunday Morning

Contemplative Prayer –

organized by the Christian Education Committee

When: Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am

Where: Upper Fellowship Hall

Contact Pastor Phyllis if you wish to learn more about prayer time.

Today 'Body As Home' – Fundraising Activity for Kowloon Union Church

Organised by The Int'l School of Somatic Education

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

Time: Session 1 Men only 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Session 2 Women only 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Session 3 Couples 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm



Please scan the QR code to register.

Date For Your Diaries:

Sunday, 17 March: The Care and Fellowship Committee will host an Art Activity during which we will reflect on and consider how blessed we are.

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Thursday, 4 April

Congregational Retreat org. by the Christian Education Com.

Venue: Tao Fung Shan Christian Centre, Tai Wai

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

Fee : HK\$100(this includes lunch and minibus fare from Tai Wai to the Centre) **Concession Fee:** HK\$50

Scan the QR code to register. For more information, speak to Pastor Phyllis.



	TODAY 10 March	NEXT WEEK 17 March
Liturgist:	Estella Yeung	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Hope Antone	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Katie Ho	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Harry Chan	Guy Syrette
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Venus Cheng
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Lucy Lim Edith San Juan	Edna Lai Jacob
Offering Rota:	Thapa Samjhana Ching So	Anjenette Bolanos Susan Babasa
Counting Rota	Rey Asis Judy Chan	Chan Beng Seng Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis Tong Chong Sze Gabi Baumgartner	Mary Adesina Tong Chong Sze Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Amber Tong Bervinder Kaur