

Kowloon Union Church
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"Where all are one"

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
7 February 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion Service

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION "Holy Spirit Come" Composer Ka Chan
CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** "Praise To The Lord The Almighty"
– *Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch Lyrics: Joachim Neander*

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** "We Lay our Broken World"
– *Music: Kenneth Finlay Lyrics: Anna Briggs*

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 147: 1 -11

1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 23

Mark 1 : 29 - 39

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Belonging to no one, slave to everyone"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" *Composed : Frer Roger, Taize*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “ Lord, How Can I Repay?” – *Composed : John Glynn*

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

***COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- Myanmar's military coup has ended a brief period of democracy and left many in the dark as communications are shut off. We remember the Burmese people in these turbulent times, regardless of where they stand on the political spectrum. May God comfort the weary and soften hearts of the military leaders who are now in charge.
- Russia has jailed Alexei Navalny, a high-profile critic of Vladimir Putin, triggering a series of protests. With what is shaping up to be a volatile situation, we return to God for His will to be done, and pray that He protects those fighting for justice.
- We pray for the countries in Latin America as they battle a second wave of the coronavirus while trying to implement a large-scale vaccination campaign. Where there are shortages in equipment or medical supply, we pray for God's provision to help healthcare leaders get the pandemic under control and for fairness so that the scarce resources can go to those who need them the most.
- The repercussions of Covid-19 and social restrictions continue to weigh on everyday lives. In Hong Kong, residents in an increasing number of neighborhoods have faced sudden, ambush style lockdowns, while parents, students and schools are grappling with new guidelines about restarting in-person teaching. We pray for God's peace amid all the uncertainty and guidance at a time we cannot plan.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City.
- We give thanks for the rich historical legacies and distinctive cultures in these countries; the faithful witness of the churches in the midst of empire building and colonization; the many and diverse waves of

migrants who have come to these lands; the hospitality that long has been shown to those arriving on their shores.

- We pray for the preservation of the fragile environments and shorelines in this region; an end to economic and political turmoil; stable governments that end corruption and serve the common good; policies that relieve disparities between those who are rich and poor.

For the Congregation

- Pray for sisters and brothers who are facing health challenges recently. May God heal and keep their body and faith strong when they are feeling weak. We keep praying for Jenny's rehabilitation and wellbeing.
- We uphold our senior members in our hearts. May God's peace be with them. Remember and pray for our children in their learning and in their preparation for gradually going back to school after Chinese New Year.
- Pray for our pastors and church leaders in their service to God through KUC. May the Holy Spirit unite them as one in Christ to serve with love and wisdom. In the New Year, we pray for spiritual growth for all members and the whole congregation. May the community of KUC continue to witness for Christ to bring light, hope, and love to the world of darkness. We pray for a stronger and unified community in KUC. We pray that more members and friends are willing to participate in the various ministries of the church and that together we serve God with joy.
- Our Church Secretary Heddy will continue to work for the church with a new contract for another after her retirement in early February. We are very thankful to Ms Heddy's faithful and good service to the church in the past 14 years. May God continue to bless her abundantly with good health, good spirit and strong mind to enjoy her life and work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome to all who join the Sunday worship through Facebook livestreaming today. Please stay safe and healthy. Be in touch with our pastors and church leaders if you need prayers and any support from us. We pray that we will meet again soon by God's grace.

A Note of Thanks

We are grateful to have Revd Dr Tobias Brandner to deliver God's message in our worship today. Tobias is teaching in the Divinity School of Chung Chi College and has been very compassionate in the prison ministry.

Next Sunday: Broadcast Sunday

Our Worship Service will be broadcast through RTHK next Sunday at 11am on 14 February. May our Service connect people from near and far to worship and honour God in the same Spirit through the Broadcast Ministry of HK Christian Service.

Chinese New Year

The church will close during the Chinese New Year from 12 to 15 February. The Worship on 14 February will be pre-recorded and presented online through Facebook.

KUC Mission Support for 2021

The MOE is seeking suggestions from the congregation regarding organizations that the church should support this year with its mission funds. Please pass any suggestions that you have to members of the MOE Committee or the church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 Feb.

Donation or Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation or offering to the church and support our mission partners and ministries, you may visit the church website at <https://kuc.hk/giving>.

Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, restatement of faith, or baptism. Interested in talking about this further? Have a word with Pastor Phyllis Wong or Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

Preparation for Baptism

For any friend who would like to be prepared for baptism in the church, please be in touch with Pastor Phyllis or Pastor Maggie.

Calli Yau was called home

Calli who was a member of the church passed away last Thursday night in United Kingdom. May she rest in peace. We pray that God's love comfort Paul, her husband and their beloved families in Hong Kong and in U.K. in this time of loss and grief. We are thankful to God for Calli's life: for her love and care to others, as well as her compassionate concerns on environment and God's creation.

	TODAY Communion Sunday
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Tobias Bradner
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Albert Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Phyllis Wong
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Carl Cathedral