

Kowloon Union Church
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Second Sunday in Lent
28 February 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Wait For the Lord” – Taize Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** “The God Of Abraham” – Composer: Thomas Olivers

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** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – Composer: Thomas Chisholm

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15 -16

Mark 8: 31 - 38

Lord, may Your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Who Am I” – Words & Music: Mark Hall

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – Migrante International, Philippines by Ramon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” – Music: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

* **SIGN OF PEACE**

* **HYMN** “In Christ Alone” – Composers: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- Myanmar is still in turmoil in the aftermath of a military coup. As more citizens are called to protests and strikes, we have also seen clashes with the supporters of the military — with some of them growing violent. For many, it is a dark and chaotic time that reminds them of the tragic past. We pray for peace, hope and reconciliation within Myanmar, for just and compassionate government leaders and for wisdom in the international community standing in solidarity with those seeking a more equitable society.
- Many Texas residents face a long road to recovery from the compounding distress of a winter storm, electricity outage and ongoing pandemic. We pray that they will receive the support they need, that people who lost family and friends can heal, and that leaders will learn from the disaster to build better systems for the future.
- As vaccinations begin in Hong Kong — amid a worldwide roll out — we pray for a smooth process but also remember those who remain unprotected despite high need, whether they are in lower-income countries or marginalized regions of rich countries. In God's eyes, everyone is equally loved and treasured, but the world often values some lives over others. May we realize the grave injustice that's been exposed and work to change it. May the citizens be given enough information on the vaccines so they are able to make a well-informed decision.
- Hong Kong's latest budget has drawn much criticism for failing to truly help the unemployed, low-income workers and deprived families. We pray that the finance minister will be receptive to suggestions for amendments, catering to the needs of the poor and those with special needs.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands.
- **We are thankful for** the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration; how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges; how churches here have overcome barriers and reached out to assure a good life for all; the ecumenical contributions that have come from this area, and their continuing support.

- **We pray for** overcoming cultural, linguistic and political barriers and suspicions that remain divisive; the haunting legacies of colonization and quests for economic gain.; immigrants who are alienated or marginalized in these societies; greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the world.

For the Congregation

- Pray for sisters and brothers who are facing health challenges recently. We uphold in our hearts Doris's sister Jeanette for her recent chemotherapy treatment, Ate Jenny's rehabilitation, Victoria's sister and brother-in-law and Kevin's father. May God heal and keep their body and faith strong when they are feeling weak.
- We pray for the well-being of senior members and for children in their learning and safety as they have started to go back to school gradually.
- Chris Wong resigned as Council member effective on 1 February. We are grateful for his devoted service during the past year and a half. We pray that Chris will have more time and space to rest and cope with challenges in his work and study.
- Jennifer Chan, KUC treasurer, has announced to Council & Trustees that she will not be available for this position after she completes her term in May.
- Norma Diaz will complete a maximum term of four years on the Council this May. Edwina Santoyo and Sunita Suna will complete two years on the Council but are eligible for re-election at the coming Annual General Meeting.
- May God prepare members for leadership through the Council. Church members with interest in any of these roles are encouraged to contact the Council Chair or Ministers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome to all who join the Sunday worship through Facebook live streaming today. Be in touch with our pastors and church leaders if you need prayers and any support from us. We hope and pray that worship in person will be resumed soon.

KUC Mission Support for 2021: Today is the deadline for application

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.

Funeral & Thanksgiving Service for Calli Yau-Cooper

The service will be arranged in United Kingdom, at night (HK time) on 18 March. You may find the funeral notice at

<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/04-02-2021-calli-sze-tai-yau-cooper/?ts=637496034850249825>.

If there are further details from the family, we will inform the congregation. Please remember her beloved husband Paul Cooper, her UK family, her extended family in Hong Kong and the many friends and colleagues who mourn her sudden passing. May she rest in eternal peace in the loving arms of her Lord and Savior.

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>.

Flowers in Worship

You are welcome to make donation for the flowers for the worship services. The minimum amount for each week is \$100. Donations may be given to Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

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.

TODAY	
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Carl Cathedral
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Chris Wong