

Kowloon Union Church

*“Where all are one”*

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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**7 March 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Service**

(\*: Congregation Stands)

**APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** “Oculi Nostri” (Our Eyes are Turned)

– Composer: Br Roger Taize

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “Praise with Joy the World's Creator”

– Music: John Goss and Lyrics: John L Bell

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “Change My Heart”

– Composer: Eddie Spinosa

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

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

\* **HYMN** “In Great Thanksgiving”

– Music: Mutya L Solis; Lyrics: Melchizedek M Solis

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 19 (OT)

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25 (NT)

John 2: 13 – 22 (NT)

Lord, may Your word live in us.

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

**SERMON** “The Place Where God Dwells”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** “O Lord Hear Our Prayer”

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **THE PEACE**

**SOLO** “Remembrance”

– Composers: Matt Maher and Matt Redman

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **SANCTUS**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** “Jesus Christ Is Waiting ”

– Music: Trad.; Lyrics: John Bell

### **\*COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### **For the World and Hong Kong**

- The world is celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of IWD 2021 is #ChooseToChallenge. The campaign challenges everyone in the world to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. People are encouraged to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. IWD reminds everyone to seek out and celebrate women's achievements; and to act collectively to create an inclusive world where people are treated with dignity and equality regardless of gender and gender identities.
- Crisis in Myanmar. There is an escalation of violence against protesters. The number of people killed during the protests has been increasing. According to CNN, the United Nations said the total death toll since the coup had risen to 50, though activists put that total as higher. Over 1000 are detained. We pray for God's protect to the people who have protested for freedom and democracy, the charity workers who are there to provide humanitarian support, and the journalists who have risked their lives to report the truth. We pray for all Burmese friends in Hong Kong who are worrying about their families and people back home.
- An 8.1 magnitude earthquake struck Kermadec Islands region of New Zealand on Friday morning. Pray that the earthquake resulted in minimum damage to the lives and homes of the people. May God's love and peace be with those who have been affected.
- Pray for those who have received vaccinations last week and others who will do so in the near future. May the government and authorities in the field closely monitor the situation and make thorough investigation of those who died after being vaccinated or had serious side effects. Pray for adequate suppliers for people to choose the vaccines they prefer. We are thankful for the medical professionals and may God give them strength to continue their dedicated and professional service to the community.

- Remember the mass arrest of 47 campaigners, election candidates and activists, who have been charged with national security offences in Hong Kong. May God protect the righteous, keep them safe and with peace of heart. May justice overcome abuse of power, the Light of Christ overcome darkness. Pray for God's comfort to the families and friends of these 47 detainees. May God give perseverance and hope to the people of Hong Kong in this time of uncertainty and fear.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We give thanks for the many distinct cultures in these islands; the economic and other aid that consistently have come from the area to those in the world who are most in need; the many who have emigrated to other parts of the world, and in turn, the immigrants from these lands who are now turning the United Kingdom and Ireland into increasingly multi-ethnic, multireligious societies.
- We pray for the healing of scars and memories that linger after times of colonization; overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith; dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality.

### **For the Congregation**

- Pray for sisters and brothers who are facing health challenges recently. Remember Jeanette, Ate Jenny's rehabilitation, Victoria, Victoria's sister and brother-in-law and Kevin's father. May God heal and keep their body and faith strong in their road of recovery.
- 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.

### **Funeral & Thanksgiving Service for Calli Yau-Cooper**

The service will be arranged in the United Kingdom at 2 pm UK time/10 pm HK time on 18 March. Friends who would like to join online together in the church, please be in touch with Pastor Maggie or Pastor Phyllis.

You may find the funeral notice at <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/04-02-2021-calli-sze-tai-yaucooper/?ts=637496034850249825>.

‘A Time to Remember Calli’

For those who are not able to join the streaming on March 18th, KUC will host a memorial service on 19 March @ 7 pm.

### **Donation or Offering to the Church**

If you wish to make a donation or offering to the church, 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.

	<b>TODAY</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Norma Diaz
Intercessory Prayers:	Rey Asis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Chris Wong