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Lent 4

27 March 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN “God is Forgiveness” – Composer: Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “All Are Welcome” – Composer: Marty Haugen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 32(OT)

Luke 15: 1 – 3 , 11b - 32 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “The Grace and Joy of Coming Home”

MUSIC MEDITATION “The Steadfast Love of The Lord”

– Composer: Edith McNeill

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – KASIMBAYAN – RISE UP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE “Ubi Caritas” (Where charity and love are, God is there) – Taize

THE PEACE

HYMN “God in Your Grace” – Music: Per Harling; Lyrics: Shirley E Murray

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

– Composers: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- As the war in Ukraine enters into its second month an emergency meeting has been called by NATO in Brussels. The United States of America will be represented in this meeting by President Biden. One of the main issues to approve would be the increase of Nato Forces to be sent into the area, to Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania.
- Though not in the headlines many other countries are facing their wars. In Myanmar, many families daily flee into the forest to seek places of safety as military crackdown on the anti-coup movement continues. For many, the only way to take the whole family including the elderly and those with limited ability is to carry on their backs. Let us not forget those places and people who are not in the headlines.
- Pray for the female students in Afghanistan who were turned back from entering schools this week as the Taliban backtracked on its announcement that schools would open for female students. They stated all-female schools will remain closed until a plan was drawn up in accordance with Islamic Law for them to reopen.
- Earlier in the week a plane dropped from the sky and plunged into a mountain slope, in China. The wreckage of the accident has been recovered with no signs so far that anyone onboard has survived. The plane was carrying 132 people. We pray for those who have lost their lives in this accident, for those desperately waiting for news of loved ones, and for those who are working on the recovery and investigation.
- Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam has finally acknowledged that tolerance for the city's pandemic strategy was "fading" among the general public and businesses. She announced many changes that will hopefully allow the people of Hong Kong to get back to some kind of 'normal'. More importantly to open up transport channels with other countries.
- The government has launched a new unemployment subsidy scheme to help those in Hong Kong who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Over 100,000 people have made an application on the first day and many more will follow.
- As the education department set to prepare for all case scenarios for those students taking their Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) Let us pray for all students studying at the moment for the exam next month.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, Mrs. Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, and Tong Chong Sze. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. We particularly pray for Nam and Inkyu who are currently in Korea attending Nam's mother who remains in critical condition.
- Please continue to pray for our sister Jenny in the Philippines we recently heard from her family that her health and strength weakens daily – she is now confined to the bed and not able to do much.
- We remember particularly at this time the Leung family. Peter's father Tony Leung passed away last week after a short stay in hospital. May he rest in peace and the family know that peace and comfort that comes only from the Lord. The funeral will be conducted on the 2 and 3rd of April please pray for the family.
- Pray for the continued efforts of our Peacemaking team and our licensees serving the marginalized in our community. They are providing medical and psychological support as well as accommodation and food supplies. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and keep them safe as they serve.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.

We are thankful for:

- the faithful witness of Christians here through the centuries, especially in times of occupation and persecution
- the peaceful resolution of disputes
- the distinctive cultural contributions and resources in these lands
- the religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing.

We pray for:

- greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalized and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands
- welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities
- growth in spiritual as well as physical health
- democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship online today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church.

All face-to-face activities are suspended in Church until 20 April 2022 due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

Come and join us as we walk with Jesus through Lent. Studying more about the last days of our Lord. If you would like to join us please contact Pastor Maggie.

Season of Lent

The Lenten Season is an important time of the year for Christians to reflect on our faith and our life with God in our daily life. We pray that together we undertake the spiritual journey and discover a deeper meaning of life in Christ, our redeemer, who lived, died, and was resurrected to save the world and all humanity. Lenten Devotionals on the theme of “Grace Through the Darkness” are shared through KUC’s Facebook – three devotions per week – Monday/Wednesday/Friday - during the Lenten season.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or by direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us for our records.

We Seek Your Prayers

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members to serve on both the Council and the Trustees. As several members have completed their terms, others have stepped down, and others have left Hong Kong, we have several vacancies to fill. We seek your prayers that God will prepare the right people to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or a Council member, if you are considering such a position, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve through one of these governing bodies of the Church.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Muriel Orevillo Montenegro
Lector:	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Lydia Catedral
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Bervinder Kaur