

Kowloon Union Church

"Where all are one."

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6th Sunday in Lent

28 March 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Palm and Passion Sunday

(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION "Oculi Nostri" (Our Eyes are Turned)

– Composer Br Roger, Taize

PRAYER/POEM "Waiting for the Stones"

– Pastor Katy Stenton

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** "You are the King of Glory"

– Composer: Mavis Ford

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** "My Lord, You Wore No Royal Crown" Verses 1-3

– Music Traditional; Lyrics Christopher Idle

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Mark 11: 1 - 11 (NT)

SHARING "Waving Palm"

* **HYMN** "My Lord, You Wore No Royal Crown" Verses 4-6

– Music Traditional; Lyrics Christopher Idle

Mark 14: 1 – 16 (NT)

Lord, may Your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SHARING “Fragrant Balm”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – ZI TENG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “O, Lord Hear Our Prayer” – Music: Br. Roger, Taize

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***SIGN OF PEACE**

*** HYMN “Ride On Ride On the Time is Right”**

– Music: Henry Hart Milman; Lyrics :John Bell

***COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- In New Zealand, a bill was passed to offer paid bereavement leave for workers who suffer a miscarriage. The Labour MP Ginny Andersen who advanced the bill suggested that the new law would help remove stigma that surrounds miscarriage and allow women to talk openly about it and reach out for support in what is a huge physical and emotional loss. May the needs of women who are to give birth and make tremendous contribution to families and society be given good care and support.
- A number of protests in Amman and other cities of Jordan were called to mark the 10th anniversary of Arab Spring pro-democracy demonstrations. The government, which has in recent years clamped down on dissent, this month used tear gas to break up nationwide protests after hundreds of demonstrators took to the streets, angered by an extended pandemic curfew. We pray that civil rights for freedom of assembly and speech should be upheld. Governments should listen and respect the people they serve.

- At least 32 people were killed and 165 injured when two trains collided in central Egypt on Friday. The prime minister admitted the country's rail network urgently needed modernising. May the government learn from the accident and do their best to improve the transportation system so as to ensure the safety of the passengers. May the dead rest in peace, the wounded be healed and those who lost their beloved be comforted.
- In Hong Kong, a report revealed that a five-year-old girl died after severe and repeated abuse at home in 2018. May the relevant authorities such as schools and social services be more alert to child abuse and take appropriate measures to protect the well-being and rights of the children. May families and parents who are facing problems receive support at the right time so as to prevent this kind of tragedy.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia.
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For the Congregation

- Pray for Ate Jenny for her ongoing rehabilitation and Jeanette for her treatment. Remember Bruce and his mom in the United States. Uphold in our heart Tory's mom who is receiving palliative care. We pray to God for comfort, courage and patience in countering life frailty. May they all experience God's steadfast love and great faithfulness.

- Pray for the renovation in church going on right now.
- Remember the church leaders and pray that they serve with strength and wisdom from God.

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 for Easter Sunday as the Government will announce if the social distancing rules for church service will be relaxed in this week.

Mid Week Guided Meditation (Online Meeting)

Held every Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm starting 24 February and going through 7 April. This is an opportunity for different members and friends of the church to get to know one another more as we participate in spiritual practices together. Specifically, Carl will be facilitating the practice of Lectio Divina, and the Scriptures we go through overlap with the devotionals being prepared as part of the church's Lenten theme of 'One in the Covenant of the Cross.'

See a short video in the link below if you are interested and would like to join. Feel free to let Carl know if you have any questions!

<https://kuc.hk/lent>

Anti-harassment Workshop

You are welcome to join our anti-harassment workshop organized on 18 April Sunday, 2-4 pm. We will share about what is sexual harassment, theological reflection, myths and misunderstanding on sexual harassment, understanding of victims and appropriate way to support. Our church has committed to develop a zero tolerance on harassment of all kinds. Please contact Pastor Phyllis or Ching for further information. Register please go to this link <https://kuc.hk/ash>

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please mark the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 May, after the morning worship. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members of the Council. With the resignation of Chris Wong and Doris Lee; with Norma Diaz completing a maximum of two terms (four years) in May; with Edwina Santoyo and Sunita Suna finishing their first term but are eligible for re-election, there will be five places to fill. The AGM will also elect a new treasurer as Jennifer Chan will finish her term in May and has announced she wishes to step down from the role. May God prepare members to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or Council Chair Hope Antone, if you are considering, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve the church through the Council or as treasurer.

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/Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Norma Diaz, Phyllis Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Youngblood
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Bervinder Kaur