

Kowloon Union Church

“Where all are one.”

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20 November 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Christ The King Sunday

(*: Congregation stands)



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APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “The Kingdom of God”

– Music: Taize Community

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Majesty and You Laid Aside Your Majesty”

Composers: J Hayford & N Richards

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Jesus, Remember Me”

– Music: Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HYMN “The Wonderful Cross”

– Composers: I. Watts and C Tomlin

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (O.T.)

Colossians 1:11-20 (N.T.)

Luke 23:33-43 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

KUC SINGERS “Spirit Song – O Let the Son of God Enfold You”

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Your Kingdom Come”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas"('Where charity and love are, God is there')

– Music: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "Meekness and Majesty"

–Composer: G. Kendrick

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- After the midterm elections, the Republican Party secured the 218 seats needed for a majority in the lower chamber of U.S. Congress. But the Democrats will keep control of the Senate when the new Congress convenes in January. In all things, we pray that those elected will listen, work and act for the common good of those who elected them.
- For the first time in 106 years, the Royal College of Nursing in the UK has decided to strike, demanding better pay and citing concerns for patient safety. If demands are not met, the strikes are scheduled to begin at the end of the year. We hope that negotiations can be made and a solution to the nurses' demands so that no one is harmed or neglected.
- After their humiliating retreat from Kherson, Ukraine, Russian forces launched missile strikes across the country, targeting several cities. The strikes hit residential buildings in the capital and caused further damage to the electrical supplies in the capital. May God have mercy on all involved, particularly as the winter weather creeps in.
- In the recent protests in Iran, five people have been sentenced to death on the charge of 'enmity against God'. Human rights activists have condemned the sentences and the trials themselves as unjust. Protesters have no access to legal counsel during the interrogation phase, and many interred confessing to charges after physical and mental torture sessions. We remember these people and pray that justice will prevail.
- Myanmar's military junta has announced it will release almost 6,000 prisoners in a rare olive branch gesture. The numbers include Myanmar nationals, male and female, as well as foreign nationals. No matter why, we thank God for this move and pray for many blessings on families as they are reunited.
- Covid numbers have risen again in Hong Kong. May the healing hand of God rest on those who have tested positive and strengthen our front-line workers.

- Last Sunday, the MTR, red Tsuen Wan line was brought to a standstill after a partially derailed train and the carriage doors ripped open. The accident's source seems to be human error and lack of maintenance surveillance. The train hit a metal barrier which was in the wrong position. We thank God that there were no fatalities in this case and pray that the MTR corporation can learn from this to ensure better care and reaction in similar circumstances.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We pray for God's guidance in our presentation today of our budget – seeking clarity in our discernment and a clear way forward.
- We remember in prayer Dr Vivian Lee and the medical team from HIS Foundation – Hong Kong, who are on a two-week medical mission trip to Madagascar. The team will be carrying out multiple surgical procedures as well as general medical procedures in the time they are there.

May God protect, strengthen and sustain the team as they endeavour to serve the people of Madagascar. May God bless their hands and bring healing and peace to their care recipients.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in **East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia and the Philippines.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the vital witness of churches in this region
- the diversity of ethnicities, cultures and religious beliefs, and especially those in Indonesia who have built bridges between them
- those who have resisted bravely and worked for human rights, justice, peace and reconciliation, especially the National Council of Churches in the Philippines
- those who protest exploitative mining, deforestation and other environmental damage.

We **pray** for:

- governments in Indonesia, the Philippines, and Timor Leste, that they will eradicate corruption establish justice and peace and work effectively for the wellbeing of all their people
- victims of violence, torture, drug and human trafficking, and human rights violations, that those responsible might be held accountable
- all those affected by earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters, and for the rebuilding of communities afterwards
- ecumenical and interfaith cooperation to bring justice, peace and sustainability to these lands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. The preacher is our own Revd Judy Chan, currently the coordinator of the Worship Advisory Group. Thank you, Judy, for sharing the Word of God with us this morning.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - KUC Singers will practice directly after worship
At 1:30 pm, the EGM will be conducted in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KUC – Clean-Up Days

Come along and join in some clean-up tasks as we prepare the church for Advent. Mop the floors, clean the windows, trim the trees – there is enough for everyone!

Please add your names to the signup sheet on the notice board in the hallway. If you cannot come in on the set days, let us know your availability we will be happy to accommodate you.

Friday 25 November from 2 pm through 9 pm

Or Saturday 26 November from 10 am through 4 pm

KUC Movie Sunday – 27 November

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE) will screen “Walk With Me” on 27 November 2022 (Sunday) from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch, the film is about the late Thich Nhat Hahn, a Zen Buddhist master, and his monastery on their journey into mindfulness. The documentary follows them in their daily routine and practice of mindfulness throughout the four seasons and observes how this supports them in facing the ups and downs of life. Among his many books, Thich Nhat Hahn is the author of “The Miracle of Mindfulness”, a beginner’s handbook on mindfulness, and “Living Buddha, Living Christ”, which explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at the two spiritual traditions meet. His life and the practice may inspire us to reflect on our life and faith in Jesus Christ.

To register for the Movie.
Please click



	TODAY 20 November	NEXT WEEK 27 November
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Guy Syrett	Precious Kato
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Katie Ho
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Kevin Ng plus others	Peter Youngblood plus others
Offering Rota:	Kulwinder Kaur Katie Ho	Susan Babasa Journaliz Badon
Counting Rota	Paul Wong Ramon Bultron	Doris Lee Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	Tong Chong Sze
Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,337- Promissory offering last week: HK\$3,300-		