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Epiphany 3
23 January 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation stands)

PREPARATION MUSIC "Be Still And Know" – Anonymous

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

HYMN "Sing Alleluia" – Composer: Linda Stassen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

1 Corinthians 12 : 12 - 31 (N.T)

Luke 4 : 14 - 21 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON

MUSIC "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

– Composer: Peter Scholtes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC "O Lord, Hear Our Prayers" Composer : Taize Community

HYMN "Go Tell Everyone" – Composer: H. Richards

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

THE PEACE

RECESSIONAL

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Remember those throughout the world who have 'disappeared' from their communities and society. Remember also the families who are left behind not knowing where their loved ones are.
- As we pray for peace in the world we pray that all fighting and raising of arms will cease. In the light of the rumours being raised in the Russian / Ukraine situation, we pray that dialogue will be the way towards finding a solution.
- We give thanks to God that humanitarian aid is finally now addressing the needs of the people of Tonga after the recent volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami, which has claimed lives, devoured homes and livelihoods.
- The cleanup process of a massive oil spill off the Peruvian coast. It is thought an oil tanker was hit by waves believed to originated from Tonga's volcanic eruption. As the people strive to recover the wildlife affected and clean up the beaches – those in power argue on who is responsible to compensate for the damage.
- That justice and truth have been seen in action as a German court has sentenced a Syrian colonel, Anwar Raslan, to life in prison for crimes against humanity. This trial the first of what may be many is the first criminal case brought over state-led torture in Syria.
- We continue to pray for interreligious tolerance and understanding throughout the world. In particular we pray for the conflicts between Hindus and Muslims in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. We pray that there will be no repercussions after the arrest of the outspoken militant Priest Yati Narsinghanand Saraswati.
- As people on the mainland start to make plans for travelling home during Lunar New Year, some may already be on the move. We pray all will take precautions for health and safety not only for themselves but also for those around them.
- The Hong Kong Government has announced that all children between the ages of 5 – 11 can now be vaccinated. We pray for all parents making these decisions for their children.
- Secondary schools will close their doors until after the Lunar New Year holidays. Pray for our children and young people as their education is disrupted once again, for the teachers and the parents.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We remember in our prayer Tong Chong Sze who is currently in Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Hannah Isomura who has recently been discharged from St.Paul’s Hospital. May the Lord’s hand of healing be on both during this time of hospitalization and recovery.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Cyprus, Greece, Turkey. We are **thankful** for:

- the 2,000-year presence and witness of the church in Asia Minor (now Turkey, Cyprus, and Greece) – the region in which St Paul and other apostles first planted the seeds of the Christian faith – and for how Greek culture influenced the early church
- the Church Fathers who came from this area, along with many men and women who were Christian martyrs, and where seven ecumenical councils were convened
- the pioneering work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in quest of Christian unity and for protection of the environment
- those who have reached out to assist people who have fled to, and through, these lands.

We **pray** for:

- the healing of memories and wounds inflicted by early 20th century genocides of Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian communities, and for current tensions in these lands
- enhanced respect for all minority groups and their claims
- those who work for justice and reconciliation
- the people who struggle because of economic and political crises in these countries
- more stable democratic governments that further the good of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming 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 post-Lunar New Year due to the Government’s expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

Flowers in Worship

You are welcome to donate the flowers for the worship services. The minimum amount for each week is \$100. There is a signup table on the main notice board if you would like to be responsible to purchase and arrange the flowers. Alternatively, donations may be given to Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

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.

Appeal for the Survivors of Typhoon Odette (Rai)

A day after Christmas, super typhoon Odette (Rai) left many casualties on the lives and livelihood of many Filipinos living in Visayas and Mindanao. An appeal has been launched for help and assistance for the people in this area. Help can be given in kind, medicines, canned food, milk, diapers, and other necessities that will be packed and sent directly to the neediest areas or given in cash. Please feel free to send your donation to the Church and we will be happy to pass it on to MFMW.

**For cash and cheque donations, please send to:
Please indicate on the transaction – For Typhoon Odette**

A/C Name: MFMW LIMITED

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Bank: HSBC

In response to the appeal, KUC has donated \$6000 to support the survivors of typhoon Odette/Rai in the Philippines.

KUC Small Grants for 2022

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, invites the congregation to recommend or suggest organizations that the KUC can support this year through Small Grants. Please pass the details of your suggested organisation (name, website or social media link, email) to any of the MOE Committee members or church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 February 2022.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 30 January
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Hope Antone
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Paul Wong	Chan Beng Seng
Intercessory Prayers:	Joshua Lee	Anjnette Bolanos
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur	Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur