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Epiphany 4
30 January 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation stands)

PREPARATION HYMN “Be Still and Know” – Anon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

HYMN “Come As You Are” – Music: Paul Gurr; Lyrics: Sr. Deidre Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 (N.T)

Luke 4: 21 – 30 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON

MUSIC “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Music: DB Tower Lyrics: Julia H Johnston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH – MISSION MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC “Ubi Caritas” – Composer: Taize community

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

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

THE PEACE

RECESSIONAL “Day by Day” Music: Blott en Dag; Lyrics: Carolina Sandell

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- For the protection of all journalists throughout the world facing the many challenges to maintain newsfeeds and to bring the stories of the voiceless to the attention of the world. We in particular remember those of this profession in Mexico where three journalists have been murdered this year alone.
- For the lives of those unaccounted for in a boat capsized off the coast of Florida. One person was rescued from the scene and dozens are still missing. It is believed this was an attempt to smuggle people into the USA illegally and it has been reported that there was no safety measure in place.
- We give thanks for the recent law passed in France, criminalising the use of so-called “conversion therapy” to attempt to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of LGBTQ people. In the words of President Macron, “being oneself is not a crime.” We pray for the healing of body and mind for those who have been subjected to such treatment.
- Countries and policies in Europe concerning the measures to uphold during the continuing pandemic has divided Europe, even as cases continue to increase. Such division can be very dangerous for all, particularly as this variant is so much more virulent.
- It is believed that North Korea has fired two ballistic missiles in the sea. This will be the sixth round of weapons launched this month alone. These come amidst threats from the North of the resumption of nuclear testing.
- With increased numbers of positive cases in Hong Kong, more areas of the territory have been forced into lockdown. We pray for those in lockdown that God may give them patience and understanding during this time.
- We pray for a greater monitoring system to be put in place to safeguard the lives of children who are placed in ‘Care facilities’ in Hong Kong as further cases of abuse have been recorded in a government-run foster home facility in the Prince Edward area.

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.

- As families throughout Asia begin their preparations for Lunar New Year, let us pray for all who are separated from family members at this time, a time of gathering and family reunions.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia.

We are thankful for:

- How the early Christian church developed here.
- The biodiversity of plants, animals and the natural terrain.
- How Berber, Arab and European cultures have blended.
- How these countries have remained and stood against the invasion of cultural and military forces from elsewhere.

We pray for:

- all the people of these countries: Muslims, the tiny remnant of Christians, those of other faiths who continue bearing witness to their faiths and for all people of goodwill.
- an end to political violence.
- an end to how dominating powers have fought over these lands and their resources through the years.
- for those suffering exploitation and mistreatment as they travel through these countries.

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.

Lectio Divina

KUC will resume our monthly practice of Lectio Divina. Join us on Wednesday, 9 February from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

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

A/C No.: 848-047866-838

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.

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 again others have left Hong Kong we are left with 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:	Hope Antone
Pianist:	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Chan Beng Seng
Intercessory Prayers:	Anjenette Bolanos
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong Bervinder Kaur