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Epiphany 5 6 February 2022 Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.



PREPARATION HYMN "I Love You Lord" - Composer: Laurie Klein

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**HYMN** "Holy, Holy" – Music: John B Dykes; Lyrics: Reginald Heber **SCRIPTURE READING** 

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

A light to our path.

1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 (N.T)

Luke 5: 1 - 11 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

**SERMON** "God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever"

MUSIC MEDITATION "Such Love" - Composer: Graham Kendrick

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE PEACE

HYMN "Amazing Grace" - Music: New Britain; Lyric: John Newton

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**SANCTUS** 

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me"

- Music: Trad. Folk; Lyrics: John L Bell

**COMMISSION and BLESSING** 

**RECESSIONAL** "Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore"

- Composer : Cesareo Gabarain

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## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- For all refugees and displaced people who are being housed in temporary shelters many in heavy snow and freezing temperatures. In north-western Syria, many are suffering surviving without warm clothing and fuel to keep warm, two infants have succumbed to the cold and others are expected to follow.
- For the many countries throughout the world, that have been hit by inclement weather which has claimed lives and caused major problems to transport systems and destroyed livelihoods. Particularly today we think of the people of Southern Australia, Sao Paulo and Ecuador.
- The Island of Tonga will go into lockdown after several cases of Covid were recorded as aid is brought to the people after the recent volcanic eruption. The island had previously managed to be virus-free having closed its borders in early 2020.
- Let us pray for the clean-up and rescue process of the recent oil spill off the Peruvian coast, believed to have been caused by waves linked to a volcanic eruption off the island of Tonga. Time has shown the spill to be twice as big as had been reported. The wildlife has been deeply affected in what officials have labelled an 'ecological disaster'.
- For those who have been brutally killed in an overnight attack on a camp for the homeless in the northeast of the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is thought 60 people have lost their lives and another 40 have been injured.
- Peace in the world, as Moscow denies planning to enter Ukraine despite
  deploying an estimated 100,000 at the border. The US in return is set to send
  extra troops from the states to Poland and some currently stationed in
  Germany to Romania. The US troop being deployed will not fight in Ukraine
  but will ensure the defence of US allies.

- Let us pray for the resilience of the people of Myanmar who one year on, continue to resist a return to repression and isolation. Unemployment, food and fuel prices are surging, poverty is rising, education and healthcare and the economy are on the verge of collapse. May God strengthen the people in their plight for democracy.
- The Olympic Torch relay got underway in Beijing despite the diplomatic boycotts and the Covid pandemic. As athletes gear towards the events may the Spirit of the Games be upheld and those participating remain safe and well.
- As we come to an end of the Lunar New Year celebrations, we pray that
  people have been doing their best to maintain good social distance and
  continue to maintain steps to avoid contacting Covid. Experts predict the
  situation could become worse after the Lunar New Year holidays.

# 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, Bhim Maya Pun,
Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are recovering at home
after hospitalisation, including Hanna Isomura and Tong Chong Sze.

## • For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City.

#### We are thankful for:

- the rich historical legacies and distinctive cultures in these countries.
- the faithful witness of the churches amid empire building and colonization
- the many and diverse waves of migrants who have come to these lands.
- the hospitality that long has been shown to those arriving on their shores.

## We pray for:

- the preservation of the fragile environments and shorelines in this region.
- an end to economic and political turmoil.
- stable governments that end corruption and serve the common good.
- policies that relieve disparities between those who are rich and poor.

## **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. Happy Year of the Tiger!

#### 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.

# **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.

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 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.

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Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Lucy Lim
Lector:	Lo Yuk Fai
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Bervinder Kaur