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Epiphany 7
20 February 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN "Bless The Lord My Soul" - Taize Community

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

"God Is Forgiveness" - Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN "To God Be The Glory" - Music: William H. Doane; Lyrics: Fanny Crosby

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Genesis 45: 3 - 11, 15 (O.T)

1 Corinthians 15: 35 - 38 , 42 - 50 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON "From Humiliation to Glory"

SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE "Ubi Caritas" (Where there is charity, there is God) - Taize Community

THE PEACE

HYMN "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" - Composer: Sebastian Temple

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL "He Came Down" - Composer: Kathleen Thomerson

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- *Russia-Ukraine:* Pray for de-escalation of tensions along the Russia-Ukraine border as the massive build-up of Russian troops continues. There is also concern that Ukraine could be destabilised by other means such as cyberattacks on critical infrastructure.
- *Asylum Seekers:* Human Rights Watch has condemned Australia's immigration detention policy. The country now holds asylum seekers for an average period of 689 days - a new record. Pray for the currently 1,459 people detained in the system and for justice for protection claimants worldwide.
- *Somalia:* On Wednesday, Al-Shabab militants attacked police stations and checkpoints in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, killing at least five. At least six people died the week before, and several others were injured after a suicide bomber targeted a minibus full of delegates involved in the country's ongoing parliamentary elections.
- *Violence against Women:* The shocking beheading of a 17-year-old girl, allegedly by her husband, in Iran's Khuzestan province last week has again raised concern over the country's laws around murder and gender-based violence. This follows a report from Amnesty International of gang rape and assaults of women and teens in Ethiopia's Amhara region by fighters affiliated with the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (TPLF) last year. Pray for an end to violence against women and for their legal protection and human rights.
- *LGBT Communities:* New Zealand's parliament on Tuesday nearly unanimously passed legislation that bans practices intended to forcibly change a person's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, known as conversion therapy. The government has said practices such as conversion therapy do not work, are widely discredited and cause harm. Pray that the momentum against conversion therapy continues around the world.
- *COVID in Hong Kong:* As COVID-19 continues to rage in the city, pray that government leaders and medical experts take rapid and effective measures to cope with record-breaking numbers of new cases daily. We grieve the loss of children as young as 3 and 4 years old, as well as the chronically ill and elderly. May those critically ill in hospital be mercifully spared along with protection for those waiting at home in isolation, those in quarantine and lockdowns, frontline staff, and workers whose jobs put them at high risk for exposure to the virus.
- *Cold weather alert in HK:* As temperatures drop as low as 10 degrees C over the weekend, pray that those most vulnerable such as the elderly, homeless and sick will be safe and looked after.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, Mrs Samuel and Mrs Chang, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, Tong Chong Sze, Hanna Isomura and Wong Sau Yin. We remember those providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. Our hearts go out to those stranded overseas due to the extended travel ban on flights to Hong Kong under COVID-19 restrictions.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in France, Germany, Monaco.

We are thankful for:

- the rich historic and cultural legacies that have come to the world from these lands.
- Franco-German friendship, reconciliation and cooperation that has emerged since the hostilities of the second world war.
- how churches and governments in France and Germany have welcomed new immigrants.
- the generosity in supporting ecumenical, interfaith and development work in the world.

We pray for:

- overcoming fears and suspicions that still remain from 20th century atrocities, and more recent terrorist attacks.
- churches and governments to effectively counter anti-immigrant populist sentiments in these countries so that they truly will become more multi-ethnic.
- economic decisions that are accountable to those who are most vulnerable and not only to those making a profit.
- election of political leaders who will further the common good not only for their country but for the sake of Europe and the rest of world.

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 further notice due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

Online Bible Study – THE GROUP WILL NOW MEET ON FRIDAYS

The online bible study will resume on Friday, 25 February, and we will meet at 10:30 am. Join with us as we journey towards Calvary with Jesus in a study titled 'Walking with Jesus'. If you would like to join, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Maggie.

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)

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 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) on 15 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 get in touch with 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:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Ralph Lee
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Chetwyn Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Judy Chan
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Bervinder Kaur